

## Town of Brimfield

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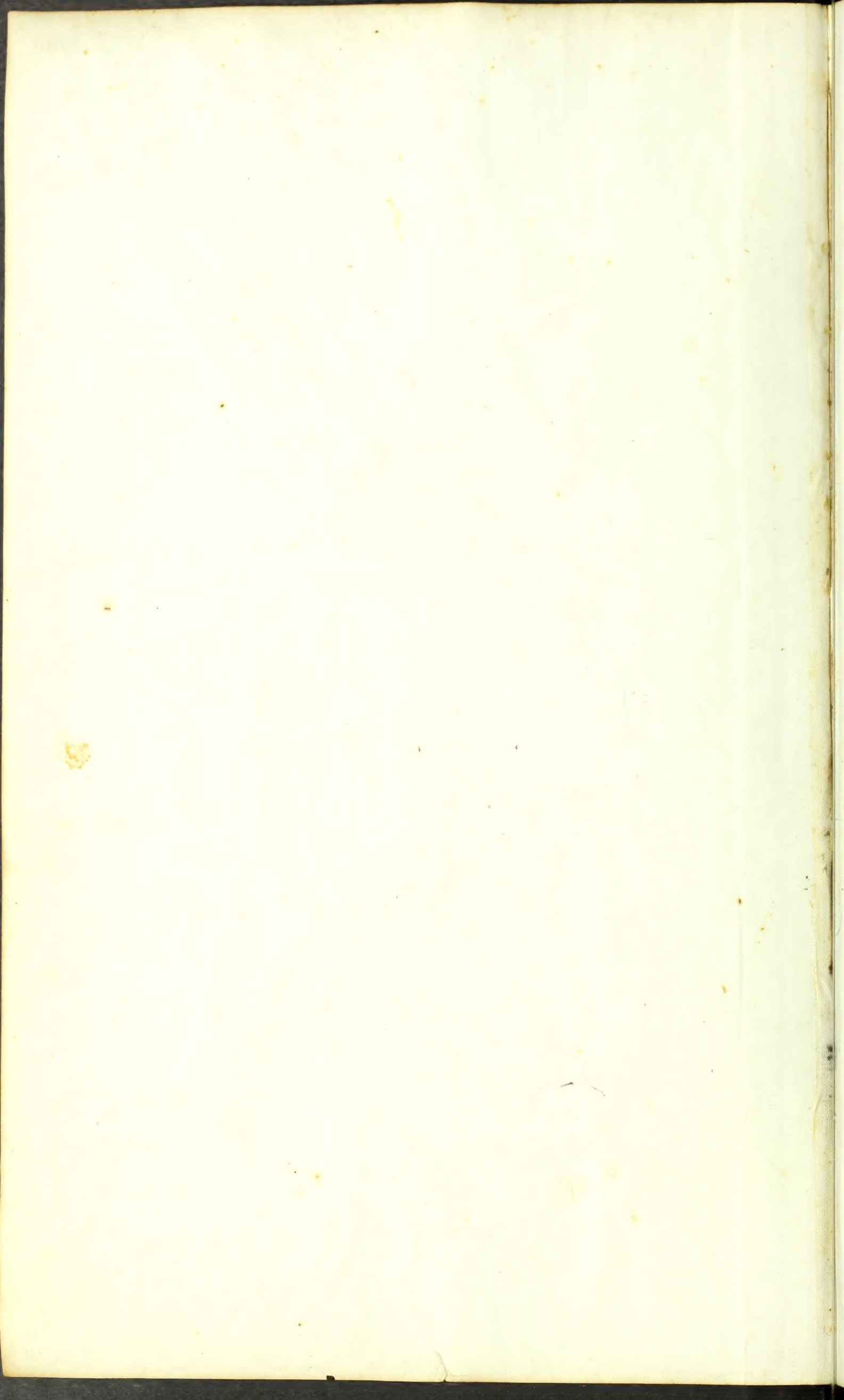
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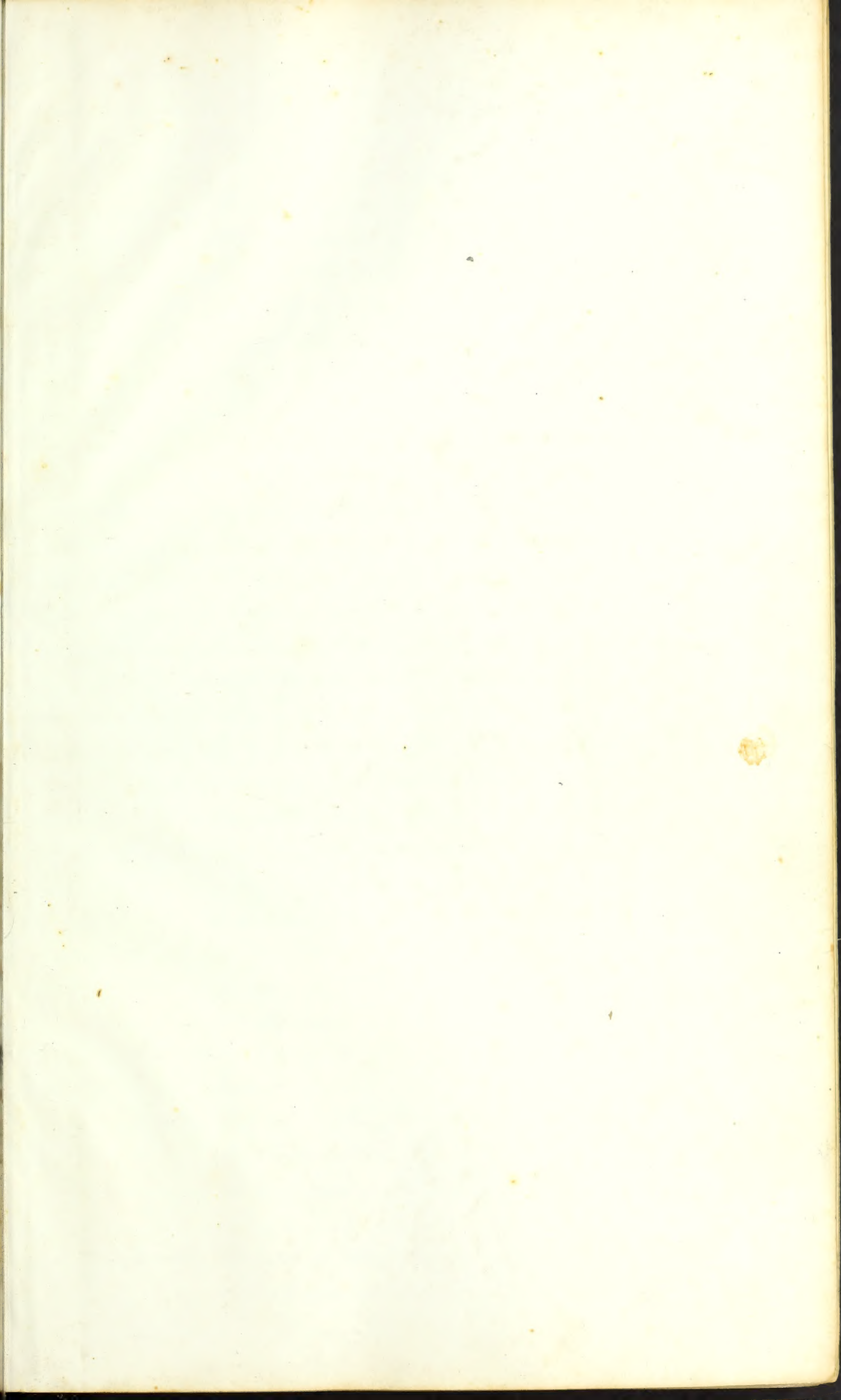


















Cambridge

To Wm. F. Tarbell Constable of the town of  
Brimfield

Meeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn  
the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to  
vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the  
Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the twelfth  
day of March inst. at Ten o'clock in the forenoon  
then and there to act on the following articles viz

- First To choose Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Second To choose all necessary town officers for the year  
ensuing, and also all committees, and agents, which  
the business of the town may require
- Third To hear reports of the Selectmen, School Committee,  
and Agents, heretofore chosen by the town & act thereon
- Fourth To raise money for the support of Schools for the  
ensuing year, and direct how the same shall  
be expended
- Fifth To raise money for the support of highways, townways  
and bridges, and direct how the same shall be  
expended
- Sixth To raise such sums of money as may be necessary  
for the payment of town debts and defray expenses  
for the current year
- Seventh To see if the town will vote to abolish their School  
Districts
- Eighth To see if the town will allow the several districts  
to choose their Prudential Committees & authorize  
said committee to hire their teachers
- Ninth To see if the town will accept the report of the  
Selectmen revising the list of jurors



Tenth To see if the town will erect a Monument in memory of their soldiers who have died in the service of their country during the war; "And if so" decide upon a location for the same, grant such sums of money, and pass such votes and orders as may be necessary to complete the same

Eleventh To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow such <sup>sums</sup> of money as may be necessary for payment of town debts and current expenses

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at the Post Office in said Brimfield seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting

Any of fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting

Given under our hands this second day of March, in the year One thousand eight hundred and sixty six

W<sup>m</sup> H. Coyle } Selectmen  
J. S. Blair } of Brimfield  
Hampden Co

I have served the above warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at the Post Office seven days before the time for holding said meeting

Warren F. Tarbell

Constable of Brimfield

A true copy of the warrant & Constables return thereon

Attest Henry F. Moore  
Town Clerk



Brimfield March 12<sup>th</sup> 1866. The Inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs assembled at the town hall in obedience to the foregoing Warrant and at half past ten o'clock A. M. were called to order by Henry F. Brown Town Clerk the votes were then received for Moderator. Samuel W. Brown had seventy eight votes, (all that were cast) and he was declared Elected

The votes were then received for Town Clerk Henry F. Brown received eighty six votes all that were polled and he was declared elected

The votes were then received for Selectman Cyrel B. Brown had sixty votes, William B. Wyles had forty votes, Cyrel B. Brown was declared Elected

The votes were then received for another Selectman, Cheney Newton had Fifty seven votes, James S. Blair had Fifty four votes, Cheney Newton was declared Elected

The votes were then received for a third Selectman, Porter A. Parker had Seventy six votes, James S. Blair had Forty seven votes and John Bates one vote Porter A. Parker was declared Elected

The votes were then received for an Assessor, Warren F. Tarbell had ninety one votes, George Dunham had one vote Warren F. Tarbell was declared Elected

It was then  
voted to adjourn for one hour to meet at one o'clock and twenty eight minutes P M and the meeting was so adjourned.

The meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment when the votes were received for a second Assessor George Dunham had Seventy four votes, William B. Wyles and Cyrel B. Brown, had one vote each, George Dunham was declared Elected,

The votes were then received for another Assessor Calvin B. Brown had



Seventy votes, David W. James had eight votes, William H. Sherman, had two votes, William D. Hurling and James B. Brown each had one vote, Calvin B. Brown was declared Elected

The votes were then received for a School Committee for three years, Ezra B. Weld, had sixty three votes, James B. Brown had fifty five votes, and Newton S. Hubbard and Francis D. Lincoln, each, had one vote, Ezra B. Weld was declared Elected

The votes were then received for Town Treasurer, Alfred L. Converse had eleven votes, the whole number cast, and he was declared Elected

The votes were then received for Collector, Warren F. Tarbell had eighty four votes, Ezra B. Brown had thirty seven votes, and John Sater had one vote, Warren F. Tarbell was declared Elected

The votes were then received for Constable, Francis C. Cook, had sixty votes, Warren F. Tarbell had four votes, Francis D. Lincoln had two votes and William S. James had one vote Francis C. Cook was declared elected

The votes were then received for another Constable, William S. James had nineteen votes, Warren F. Tarbell and Francis D. Lincoln each, had one vote, William S. James was declared Elected

The votes were then received for Three Free Viewers all on one Ballot, Samuel W. Brown, Sumner Parker and John C. Spring, each had Eighteen votes, James H. Brown, James B. Brown and James B. Brown had one vote each, Peniel Parker John Sherman and James S. Blair each had two votes, Samuel W. Brown, Sumner Parker and John C. Spring were declared Elected



Voted That one of the Constables be requested to qualify for the service of civil jurors

Voted To take up the Seventh Article in the Warrant and act on the same

Voted Not to abolish the several School Districts in town

Voted To take up the Tenth article in the Warrant & act thereon

### On Motion of Francis D. Lincoln

Voted That the town Erect a Monument to be a memory of their Soldiers, who died in the service of their Country

Voted That a committee of five be appointed to prepare a plan for a Monument, an estimate of the expense, also report a location for the same, at some future time. Francis D. Lincoln, Sumner Parker, William H. Lytle, Nathan F. Robinson and Thomas J. Morgan were appointed as said Committee

Voted To take up the Ninth Article in the Warrant and act thereon.

And that the town accept the list of jurors as reported by the Selectmen. See Page 10

Voted That when this meeting adjourns, it shall be to the first Monday in April next, to meet at one o'clock P.M.

Voted To take up the Eighth Article in the Warrant and act thereon

Voted That the School Districts, which have organized be allowed to choose their Prudential Committee Also that the Prudential Committee thus chosen be authorized to hire Teachers for their Districts

Voted That the town will not Elect Overseers of the Poor for the year ensuing



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The following officers were chosen by  
nomination viz:

For Highway Surveyors

Francis D. Lincoln, William H. Shaw, Austin Woodard  
William C. Harmon, James F. Tarbell, Alfred Homer  
Stephen H. Powers, Orrin Parker, Albert S. Peabody  
Francis S. Gardner, Harvey D. Briggs, Lauphin Brown  
George W. Upham, Charles Collins, Lewis Stebbins

For Pound Keeper

Elijah Allen

For Field Drivers

Edward Bliss, Charles C. Brown, Henry Russell  
George F. Brown, Charles M. Hyde

Voted To have Five Assessors of Wood and Park  
James T. Brown, Sumner Parker, Rufus Foster  
Stephen H. Powers and Charles Barney  
were chosen

Voted To choose Four Surveyors of Lumber and  
Thomas J. Morgan, Daniel Shaw, Rufus  
Foster and Charles Barney were chosen

Voted To choose a Surveyor of Leather and  
James J. Warren was chosen

Voted That the Highway Surveyors allow fifteen  
cents an hour for the labor of a man  
and the same for a team in working  
out Highway Taxes

Voted That the meeting be now adjourned  
to the first Monday in April as per  
previous vote

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



Adjourned Town Meeting Monday April 2<sup>d</sup> 1866.  
The votes of Springfield met agreeable to adjournment  
and George Bacon, Francis D. Lincoln and  
Ezra B. Weld were chosen as the Committee to  
settle with the Town Treasurer & Overseers of the Poor

The Town Clerk reported that Charles O. Brown, Henry  
Russell and Charles M. Hyde had failed to appear  
to take the oath of office as Field Drivers and  
it was

Voted To pass over the matter & not fill the vacancies

The Clerk reported that James H. Brown, Charles  
Barnes and Rufus Fosket had neglected to take  
the oath of office prescribed for Assessors of Land  
and Bark and Alfred L. Converse. Alfred  
Lambard and George H. Upham were chosen  
to fill the vacancies

Rufus Fosket and Charles Barnes having neglected  
to take the oath of office prescribed for Surveyors  
of Lumber, George H. Stone and David W. Jones  
were chosen to the vacancies

The report of the  
Selectmen in relation to the Liquor Tax  
was read and accepted. For Report see Financial  
Record, Page One

The Committee to settle with the  
Town Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor presented  
their report which was read and accepted  
For Report see Financial Record, Page Two

Voted To raise \$1500. Fifteen Hundred Dollars for Schooling  
and that it be appropriated for the wages and  
board of Teachers and for fuel, and that the  
School Committee, assign to the several districts  
authorised to hire their own Teachers such  
amount of money as in their opinion is  
needed for that purpose



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Voted

To raise and appropriate Eight Hundred Dollars for the repair of highways & Bridges to be expended in labor & materials on the same

Voted

To raise and appropriate Twenty five Hundred Dollars for the payment of town debts, and for contingent expenses for the current year

The Committee chosen to report a plan, and estimate of the expense, and location for a Monument to our deceased soldiers made a verbal report by their chairman Francis D. Lincoln, exhibiting a design furnished, by Hon William M. Felt of Boston which he would furnish, showing thereon in raised letters, by whom and for what purpose it was erected, and the names of our deceased soldiers, for the sum of Twelve Hundred and fifty Dollars \$1250.

And that Silas C. Manning, had offered if the Monument was located on the site proposed, near the Hotel, that he would at his own expense enclose it with a good substantial fence, on motion of Alfred L. Cowan it was

Voted

That the Committee to prepare a plan for a Monument to our deceased soldiers be authorized to contract for the erection of the same, at an expense not to exceed Twelve Hundred and fifty Dollars \$1250.

and that the design and location thereof and all questions relating to the same be left to their discretion and determination

Voted

That the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow such sums of money as may be needed for the payment of town debts, and pay the current expenses of the year



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Noted That the Compensation of Collector of Taxes be Forty Dollars subject to the following restrictions and conditions, he shall give bonds to the town for the faithful discharge of his duties, he shall collect and pay over to the Treasurer of the town on or before the first day of September next all the Poll Taxes (unless for good and sufficient reasons the Assessors shall allow him further time on the same) and one half the tax on real and personal estate and shall during the first week of every month pay to the Treasurer all monies, which he shall have collected except so much as he shall collect for the County tax which shall be paid to the County Treasurer at the time specified in his warrant, he shall make a discount of 6 per cent to all those who pay their tax in full previous to Sept 1st 1866, and a discount of four per cent to those who pay their <sup>tax</sup> in full between the said first day of September and the first day of January 1867 and upon all taxes which shall remain unpaid at the last date he shall charge and collect interest at the rate of one per cent a month until the same are paid, and shall make a final settlement with the Town Treasurer on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February next, failing so to do his compensation shall be <sup>for every One Hundred Dollars</sup> limited at the rate of Two Dollars then remaining outstanding, besides he shall not be entitled to any compensation until he completes his collections and makes a final settlement with the Treasurer

Noted That the Collector be authorized to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use

Noted To raise Two Hundred Dollars in addition to the Eight Hundred Dollars for repairs of highways and Bridges

Noted That the Assessors be authorized to abate such taxes for the year 1865 as cannot be collected



A letter was read, which the Selectmen had received from Miss - Hannah of Palmer, wherein she claimed damages from the town, for an injury received from an alleged defect in one of the highways in Springfield.

Noted That the above matter be left with the Selectmen, to make such settlement with the party, as after investigation they find to be just and for the interest of the town.

George W. Upham having failed to appear and take the oath prescribed for highway surveyors, William D. Lumbard was chosen to fill the vacancy, but was afterward excused and George W. Upham was then re-elected and sworn.

Noted That the Selectmen be requested to make an examination of the roads throughout the town, and if they find them unsafe for want of suitable railings, that they cause the same to be erected, or by other means the roads to be made safe, wherever the highway surveyors have not the means so to do.

Recorded by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk.

The Selectmen propose the following names as suitable to be placed in the "Free Box"

Edw. D. Lincoln	George M. Upham	George S. Allen	James W. Boston
George M. Hitchcock	George Dunham	James J. Warren	Ezra B. Child
Jonathan Emerson	Charles C. Brown	Sumner Parker	Benjamin B. Fenton
Lucius C. Fenton	James M. Brown	Pliny F. Spaulding	Joseph Stebbins
Chas. Norton	David W. James	George Bacon	
		Wm. H. Lynds	} Selectmen of Springfield
		J. S. Blair	

A true copy

Attest Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk



# Town Officers for 1866

Town Clerk Henry F. Brown

Board of Health Elijah Allen

Selectmen  
Cyril R. Brown  
Henry Newton  
Porter A. Parker

Field Officers Edward Bliss  
George F. Brown

Assessors  
Warren F. Tarbell  
George Dunkham  
Calvin B. Brown

Summer Parker  
Measurers Stephen H. Powers  
Wood & Bulk Alfred L. Converse  
Alfred Lumbard

Treasurer Alfred L. Converse

Surveyors Thomas J. Morgan  
of Davies Shaw

Collector Warren F. Tarbell

Lumber George H. Stone

Fire Viewers  
Samuel W. Brown  
Summer Parker  
John C. Spring

Committee George Bacon  
to settle with Francis D. Lincoln  
Treasurer Ezra B. Weld

Committee on  
Francis D. Lincoln  
Summer Parker  
William H. Ayler

Constables Francis E. Cook  
William S. Jones

Soldiers Monument Nathan F. Robinson  
Thomas J. Morgan

School  
Committee 3. 4. 5. Ezra B. Weld

## Highway Surveyors & all Sowers

Francis D. Lincoln	Stephen H. Powers	William C. Shuman
William C. Shaw	One Parker	Lauphin Brown
Austin Woodard	Alfred C. Pordy	George W. Upham
Warren F. Tarbell	Francis S. Gardner	Charles Collis
Alfred Brown	Harvey D. Briggs	Lewis Stebbins

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



Warrant November Meeting 1866  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co

To either of the Constables of the town  
of Brimfield Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify & warn the inhabitants of the Town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Tuesday the sixth day of November next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and at half past ten o'clock (at which time the Polls will be opened) bring in to the Selectmen who will preside at said meeting their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer & Receiver General, Auditor, and Attorney General for the Commonwealth, one Councillor for Councillor District N<sup>o</sup> 8, One Representative to Congress for the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, one Clerk of the Courts, and one County Commissioner for the County of Hampden, one Senator for the Eastern Hampden District and one Representative for District N<sup>o</sup> One in Hampden County, to represent said District in the next General Court of the Commonwealth

All on one Ballot

The Selectmen fix Three o'clock P.M. as the hour for closing the Polls

Also

To choose a Moderator for the transaction of the following town business viz:

- First To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen in relation to the road leading from Brimfield to Monson
- Second To see if the town will authorise the town Treasurer to sell and assign the note and Mortgage which the town hold upon the estate of Roswell Dunkham late of Brimfield deceased



Third To hear and act upon the report of any Committee  
heretofore chosen, And choose any Committee or  
Agents the business of the town may require  
And you  
are directed to serve this warrant by posting up  
attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at  
the Post Office, in said Brimfield, seven days at least  
before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not  
and make due return of this warrant with your  
doings to ourselves at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our  
hands this twenty fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one  
Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty six

C. B. Brown } Selectmen  
Cheney Newton } of  
P. A. Parker } Brimfield

Champion &

Brimfield Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1866

I have served the within  
warrant as therein directed.

F. C. Cook

Constable of Brimfield

Brimfield Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1866. The Inhabitants of Brimfield  
qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs  
assembled at the Town Hall in accordance with  
the requirements of the foregoing warrant and  
were called to order at ten o'clock and thirty  
minutes A. M. by Cyril B. Brown, Chairman of the  
Selectmen, after the reading of the warrant the polls  
were opened for the reception of votes.

At three  
o'clock P. M. pursuant to a vote of the meeting the  
Polls were closed, and the votes, sorted, counted  
and declared as follows;

For Governor Alexander H. Bullard of Worcester had One  
Hundred and six votes

Theodore H. Switzer of Lowell had Twenty nine votes



## November Meeting Continued

For Lieutenant  
Governor

William Chapin of Newton had One  
Hundred and three votes

George C. Lee of Springfield had Thirty  
one votes

For Secretary  
of State

Oliver Lounes of Northampton had One Hundred  
and seven votes

Luther Stephenson Jr. of Hingham Twenty Eight votes

For State  
Treasurer

Jacob H. Lord of Plymouth had One Hundred & seven votes

Samuel Arnold of Adams had Twenty Eight votes

For Auditor

Henry C. Briggs of Pittsfield had One Hundred & seven votes

A. F. Devereaux of Roxbury had Twenty Eight votes

For Attorney General

Chester S. Reed of Taunton had One Hundred & Seven votes

William C. Endicott of Salem had Twenty Eight votes

For Member of Congress

Henry L. Darrow of Pittsfield had One Hundred & Seven votes

Abijah W. Chapin of Springfield had Twenty Eight votes

For Councillor  
District No 8

Charles A. Stevens of Ware had One Hundred & Six votes

Corner Foot of Springfield had Twenty Nine votes

For Clerk of Courts

George B. Morris of Springfield had One Hundred & seven votes

Charles A. Beach of Springfield had Twenty Eight votes

For County  
Commissioner

William H. Lewis of Blanford had One Hundred & Seven votes

Watson C. Doise of Blanford had Twenty Eight votes

For Senator

Samuel Alexander Jr. of Springfield had One Hundred & Seven votes

William B. Brinsmade of Springfield had Twenty Four votes

For Representative to  
General Court

George A. Converse of Monson had Eighty Six votes

Reuben Fay of Monson had Forty Eight votes

For the transaction of Town Business the  
Town Clerk received the votes for Moderator



and were for Samuel W. Brown. Five votes, and William C. Lytle and Chester P. Denton had one vote each, Samuel W. Brown was declared Elected.

Cyril B. Brown, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen made a verbal report upon the condition of the highway leading from Brimfield to Monson whereupon it was

*Voted* That the Selectmen be authorised to make only such repairs upon the Monson road, as will make the same safe and in a passable condition

*Voted* That the Town Treasurer be authorised to sell & assign the Mortgage they hold upon the estate of Roswell Durbin

*Voted* That a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the present method of repairing our Highways and Bridges, and if they are satisfied any different plan should be adopted by the town, that they report the same at the Annual Spring meeting, Sumner Parker, Alfred L. Cowan & William H. Sherman were appointed as this Committee

A request was received from the "Second Advent Society" for permission to change the walls of the Town Pound, and it was voted that the matter be left with the Selectmen with authority to make such arrangement with the aforesaid Society as they deem advisable

*Voted* That for the purpose of completing the business of the Meeting, in making out and seating up the return of votes, the meeting adjourn to the Selectmen's Room.

Where the returns of votes were made out, signed and sealed

After which on motion & vote the meeting was dissolved

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



At a Meeting of the Town Clerks of Representative District Number One in Hampden County held at the Selectmans in Brimfield on Wednesday the seventh day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty six, at noon, for the purpose of examining the returns of votes of the several Towns of said District for Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts the whole number of votes returned was — Four Hundred and Twenty Eight (428) and were for the following persons.

For George A. Converse of Monson Three Hundred and Forty Eight votes

For Rufus F. Fay of Monson Eighty votes

George A. Converse of Monson having a plurality of votes was declared Elected

Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk of Brimfield  
 F. E. Hinney " " " Holland  
 E. B. Miles " " " Monson  
 S. S. Rodgers " " " Wales

### Vote of the several Towns

In Brimfield	George A. Converse had Eighty six votes
" Monson	" " " " One Hundred & Eighty four votes
" Wales	" " " " Forty four votes
" Holland	" " " " Thirty four votes

In Brimfield	Rufus F. Fay had Forty Eight votes
" Monson	" " " " Eight votes
" Wales	" " " " Fifteen votes
" Holland	" " " " Nine votes

Recorded by  
 Henry F. Brown  
 Town Clerk



Massachusetts

To F. C. Cook Constable of the town of Brimfield  
Sreeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants  
of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in  
Elections and in town affairs to meet at the  
Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the  
eleventh day of March next at ten o'clock in the  
forenoon then and there to act on the following  
articles viz:

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Second To choose all necessary town officers for the year  
ensuing, and also all committees, and agents  
which the business of the town may require
- Third To hear reports of the Selectmen, School Committee  
and Agents heretofore chosen by the town & act thereon
- Fourth To raise money for the support of Schools for the  
ensuing year, and direct how the same shall be  
expended
- Fifth To raise money for the support of highways, town  
ways, and bridges and direct how the same shall  
be expended
- Sixth To raise such sums of money as may be necessary  
for the payment of town debts and defray expenses  
for the current year
- Seventh To see if town will allow the several School Districts  
to choose their prudential committees and authorize  
said committees to hire their teachers
- Eighth To see if the town will accept the report of the  
Selectmen in revising the list of jurors
- Ninth To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer  
to borrow such sums of money as may be



for the payment of town debts and  
current expenses

To see what action the town will take to rebuild  
the Bridge north of William C. Powers, and also to  
repair the Bridge near Ephraim Fenton

And  
you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up  
attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at the  
Post Office in said Brimfield seven days at least  
before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof  
fail not and make due return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the  
time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given  
under our hands this twenty sixth day of February  
in the year one thousand eight hundred and  
sixty seven

C. B. Brown, Selectman  
Cheney Newton } of  
P. A. Parker } Brimfield

Received of Brimfield March 11<sup>th</sup> 1867  
I have served the within warrant as therein  
directed

F. C. Cook, Constable  
of  
Brimfield

A true copy of the Warrant and Constables  
return thereof

Attest

Cheney F. Brown  
Town Clerk



Brinfield March 11<sup>th</sup> 1867

The Inhabitants of Brinfield qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs assembled at the Town Hall in accordance with the foregoing warrant and were called to order by Henry F. Brown Town Clerk, at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock A. M.

The votes were then received for Moderator, Samuel W. Brown had seven votes, Francis D. Lincoln had four votes and John T. Cowles had one vote, Samuel W. Brown was declared elected.

The votes were then received for Town Clerk, Henry F. Brown had twenty six votes, Calvin B. Brown had one vote, Henry F. was declared elected.

The votes were then received for a Selectman William H. Wyles had thirty eight votes, Sumner Parker had fifteen votes and Cyril B. Brown had two votes, William H. Wyles was declared elected.

The votes were then received for another Selectman Sumner Parker had thirty four votes, Cheney Newton had nineteen votes and Francis D. Lincoln had one vote Sumner Parker was declared elected.

The votes were then received for a third Selectman Cheney Newton had forty six votes, Porter F. Parker had fifteen votes, and Warren F. Tarbell, George B. and Francis E. Cook had one vote each, Cheney Newton was declared elected.

The votes were then received for an Assessor Warren F. Tarbell had fifty five votes, Calvin B. Brown had two votes and Alfred L. Converse had one vote, Warren F. Tarbell was declared elected.

The votes were then received for another Assessor William H. Sherman had fifty votes, Calvin B. Brown had nine votes and



Alfred L. Converse & William Sherman had one vote each, William H. Sherman was declared elected.

The votes were then received for a third Assessor. Alfred L. Converse had twenty three votes, Calvin B. Brown had two votes, George Dunham had two votes and William H. Sherman & Henry F. Brown had one each, Alfred L. Converse was declared elected.

The votes were then received for Town Treasurer, Alfred L. Converse had Twenty eight votes, and was declared elected.

The votes were then received for a School Committee for three years. Newton S. Hubbard had fifty eight votes, Francis D. Lincoln had forty six votes, and James B. Brown & Warren F. Tuttle had one vote each, Newton S. Hubbard was declared elected.

William H. Lykes having declined to serve as one of the Selectmen the votes were received to fill the vacancy. Henry F. Brown received forty votes, James B. Brown had thirty seven votes, William D. Heering had three votes & Newton S. Hubbard had one vote, Henry F. Brown was declared elected.

Mr. Brown stated to the town that he was <sup>not</sup> aware that there was any compensation fixed by law or the town for the services of the Selectmen, and that he should prefer that the town would act upon the question before deciding upon the acceptance of the office.

Upon motion of Joseph L. Woods a committee, were appointed to report to the town such action as they thought would



be expected to adopt. Joseph & Charles Thomas  
J. Morgan and Joseph C. Hunter were appointed as this  
Committee who afterwards reported as follows viz;

We recommend  
that the town pay the Selectman the same compensation  
as is paid to Assessors and School Committee, for  
day service \$1.50 but no compensation for evening  
service, all such bills to be examined & approved  
by the Committee which settles with the Treasurer

Voted To accept and adopt the foregoing report—  
Whereupon  
Henry F. Brown informed the town that he was  
not willing to accept and discharge the duties  
of the office of Selectman for that compensation  
and asked to be excused, and his request was  
granted

The votes were then received for a person  
to fill the vacancy, James B. Brown had fifty  
two votes, George Bacon had forty seven votes,  
James S. Blair had seven votes and Francis J.  
Lincoln had two votes, James B. Brown was  
declared Elected,

The votes were then received for a  
Collector Warren F. Tarbell had twenty six votes,  
Cyrel B. Brown and Alfred L. Converse had one vote  
each, Warren F. Tarbell was declared Elected

The votes were then received for a Constable  
Francis C. Cook had twenty three votes Andrew J.  
Hooker had nine votes and Amos Munroe had  
three votes, Francis C. Cook was declared Elected

The votes were received for another Constable  
Andrew J. Hooker had eighteen votes, James  
Hamilton had four votes, and Charles C. Brown  
William H. Dimick, Miriam C. Powers & Warren  
F. Tarbell had one vote each, Andrew J. Hooker  
was declared Elected



The votes were then received for three Towns beavers all on one ballot, and were for the following persons viz: for Samuel W. Brown nine votes, for Sumner Parker nine votes, for John C. Spring nine votes and they were declared elected.

The choice of Surveyors of Highways being the next in order it was

Vote To hear and act upon the report of the Committee chosen at a former meeting "to take into consideration the present method of repairing our Highways and Bridges, and if they are satisfied any different plan should be adopted by the town. That they report the same at the Annual Spring meeting."

And Sumner Parker Chairman of the Committee read to the town a written report & plan for the information and action of the town.

Vote To accept the report and that the Committee be discharged.

Vote On motion of Wm F. Tubell that the report of the Committee be read and acted upon by sections.

The report of the Committee was then read, and with some amendments adopted section by section.

Vote To adopt the report of the Committee as amended, as the plan or method for repairing the Highways & Bridges in town. Fifty voting for the adoption of the report and twelve voting against it.

For report of Committee as amended and adopted by the town see Page 24

Vote To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen revising the list of jurors



The report having been read, and several persons whose name were reported, asking to have their names taken off it was

Vote That the report be recommitted to the Selectmen to report at the adjourned meeting

Cyril B. Brown chairman of the Selectmen reported that the town had been summoned to appear at the March Term of the Superior Court, to answer as Trustees for property in their hands alleged to be of A. H. Merrill

Vote That Cyril B. Brown be the Agent of the town to appear and answer denying the same

Vote That the Selectmen be a committee to nominate the Committee of five as called for in the method adopted for the repair of Highways and Bridges

Vote That when this meeting adjourn, it be, to meet on Monday the first day of April next at ten o'clock in the forenoon

The Selectmen reported as the Committee called for by the aforesaid vote, Henry F. Brown, James Shaw, James S. Blair, Alfred E. Cowen and Thomas J. Morgan and they were chosen by the town

Vote That this meeting be adjourned

And the meeting adjourned the same, to meet on Monday the first day of April next at 10 o'clock A. M.

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



Report of the Committee as amended  
and adopted by the town March 11. 1867

Voted That a committee of Five be chosen who shall appoint, unless previously elected by the town a Commissioner who shall not be a resident of Brimfield; also an Agent a resident of Brimfield who shall hold their offices for the term of five years unless removed therefrom by vote of the town and whose duty it shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the town, to contract for, and superintend the repairs of the Highways & Bridges in the town of Brimfield for the term of five years from the first day of April next in accordance with the following votes and orders of the town viz

First The Committee and Agent shall divide the Highways and Bridges in town into two classes having regard to the amount of travel thereon and number the classes First and Second, also divide these classes into sections of convenient length

Second The Highways denominated First Class, are to be made and kept by the Contractor in every respect first class roads, They are to be well rounded, the stone and brush to be removed from the paths & ditches, to be well secured against injury from washing, to be made of sufficient width in all places where practicable for two teams, to pass each other and in all <sup>places</sup> to be safe and convenient for travellers to pass over with teams and carriages

Third The Highways of the Second Class are to be made and kept in good repair by the Contractor the stone & brush to be removed from the paths and ditches, to be well secured against injury

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from washing, and in all places to be safe and convenient for travellers to pass over with teams and carriages.

Fourth It shall be the duty of the Agent, after giving suitable notice to let and contract for the repair of each of said sections of road for the term of five years from the first day of April next, he shall contract with the lowest bidder provided he be a suitable person, and in the opinion of the agent it will be for the interest of the town to accept such offer. Should the Agent be unable to secure contracts for the repair of any or all of the several sections of highways on satisfactory terms, he is hereby authorized to cause the several sections not contracted for, to be repaired in such way or manner as he deems best for the interest of the town, until he can secure a satisfactory <sup>contract</sup> for the unexpired part of five years aforesaid; Provided that no contract made as aforesaid by the Agent for the full or unexpired part of the five years, shall be valid and binding upon the town, unless the same is approved in writing by a majority of the Selectmen.

Fifth The Agent is authorized at his discretion to resolve to be repaired by the town any of the Bridges on said highways, which shall be repaired under the direction of the Selectmen.

Sixth Each contract shall be in writing and the contractor shall give bonds, with sureties to the town for the faithful performance of his agreement.

Seventh The Agent shall superintend the execution of all contracts for the repair of said sections of highways and Bridges. When any section is out of repair, he shall notify the contractor and if he refuses, or neglects for five days to repair the same, the Agent shall cause said section to be repaired at the expense of the Contractor.



and certify the expense thereof to the Selectmen who shall deduct the same from any money due or to become due to said Contractor

*Sixth* The contractor shall be paid twice a year viz; once and after the first day of July and the other of each year whenever the Contractor shall present to the Selectmen the certificate of the Commissioner showing that he has fulfilled the conditions of his contract up to that date

*Seventh* It shall be the duty of the Commissioner to examine the highways and Bridges in town at least twice in each year viz; once between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> days of June and once between the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September and the first day of October, and at such other times as he shall be requested by the Agent or contractor, he shall give reasonable notice to the Agent and contractor of the times he shall appoint for the examination of the said highways & bridges, and if he shall find them repaired according to the terms of the contract and to his acceptance he shall so certify in writing to each contractor and the Agent - for this service he shall be paid by the town If any of said sections of road shall not be accepted by said Commissioner at the regular examination he shall appoint another day or days, on which to examine them the expense of the examination other than the regular shall be paid by the Agent who shall certify the amount thereof to the Selectmen who will the amount thereof from any money due, or to become such delinquent contractor

The Commissioner in examining the highways in the second class and deciding, whether they are, or are

not repaired according to the contract, may take into consideration, the amount of travel on each and the facilities for procuring materials for repairing the same

Tenth In case a vacancy shall occur in the office of Agent or Commissioner, by death, resignation or otherwise the committee appointed to assist the Agent in discharging the work, shall appoint some suitable person to fill the vacancy, and the person so appointed shall have the same powers & duties, and be subject to the same restrictions as the Agent and Commissioner appointed as aforesaid, In case of a vacancy in said Committee the Selectmen are authorized to appoint a suitable person to fill the same

Eleventh The Agent once in three months and at such other times as he may be required by the Selectmen shall make to them a full written report of his transactions in discharging the duties of his office, Having so done he shall be entitled to receive from the town <sup>per</sup> day for the time he has been actually engaged in the duties of his office; but not otherwise

See records of  
Adjourned Meeting

Twelfth The Agent and Committee of five shall establish such compensation for the services of the Commissioner as they consider reasonable and proper

Thirteenth The Agent is hereby authorized in each year to make arrangements with suitable persons in the several sections of the town to break out or clear the highways from obstructions caused by snow, and their bills for this service having been approved by the agent shall be paid by the town

A true record

Attest

Henry P. Brown  
Town Clerk



Monday April 1. 1867

The inhabitants of Blenheim met pursuant to adjournment

Alfred L. Conner resigned the office of Assessor to which he was chosen at the last meeting and his resignation was accepted

Samuel W. Brown was chosen Pound Keeper

For Field Drivers it was  
 voted That a committee be appointed to report a board of Field Drivers and this committee reported the names of Jonathan C. Dix Benjamin B. Fenton, Edward Bliss and Amy Benson and they were chosen

For Surveyors of Lumber, Abner H. Stebbins, Darius Shaw Thomas J. Morgan & Charles W. Foster were chosen

For Measurers of Wood & Bark Henry F. Brown, Charles Barney & James H. Buxton were chosen

For Sealer of Leather Augustus Wheeler was chosen

The votes were then received for an assessor in place of A. L. Conner resigned, Harvey James had nineteen votes, Charles Barney & Francis D. Lincoln had one each, Harvey James was declared elected

Cheney Keeton of the board of Selectmen reported a list of jurors which was accepted see page 30

The reports of the settlement with Cheney Solender & Ermy Livermore Liquor Agents were read and accepted

voted Not to Elect a board of Overseers of the Poor

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The report of the Committee to settle with the Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor was read by George Bacon, and accepted by the town

Voted That the compensation of Collector of Taxes be the same as last year, and that he have the same privileges and be subject to the <sup>same</sup> conditions and restrictions as therein specified

Voted To raise Fifteen Hundred Dollars for the support of Schools and that the same be appropriated for the wages and board of Teachers and for fuel

Voted To raise Four Thousand Dollars and that the same be appropriated for the repair of highways and bridges, for current expenses of the town, and for the payment of town debts

George Bacon, Warren F. Tarbell and Ephraim Fenton were chosen a committee to settle with the Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor

Voted That this Committee in settling with the Overseers of the Poor, invite the outgoing and incoming boards of Overseers to be present

Voted That the Town Treasurer be authorised to borrow such sums of money as may be needed to meet the current Expenses of the town, and for the payment of town debts

Voted That the Selectmen be authorised to take such measures for the erection of the Bridge. North of Miriam C. Powers as they deem proper

Voted That the Selectmen be authorised to fix the compensation of the Road Agent

Voted That this meeting be dissolved  
resolved by Henry F. Brown Town Clerk



## Report for jurors

The Selectmen propose the following names  
as suitable to be placed in the jury 1864

Calvin M. Ward	George S. Allen	Thomas C. Blackfield	
Cheney Newton	James H. Buxton	Alfred S. Brock	William Foster
Jonathan Emerson	George W. Upham	Austin Woodard	James Danham
Summer Parker	Ezra B. Weld	John W. Lawrence	Chas L. Snow
Josiah Stebbins	Nathan F. Robinson	Ansel Hobbrook	John C. Spring
Benjamin Fenton	George W. Upham		

List Accepted April 1. 1868

Cheney Newton	2	Selectmen of
James B. Brown	3	Brinsfield

## Town Officers for 1867

Town Clerk	Henry F. Brown		Henry F. Brown
		Committee	Darius Shaw
	Summer Parker	on	James S. Blair
Selectmen	Cheney Newton	from Highways	Alfred L. Converse
	James B. Brown		Thomas J. Morgan

	Warren F. Tarbell	Field	Edward Ellis
Assessors	Wm H. Sherman	all from	Drivers
	Harvey Jones		Sam J. Fenton
			Henry Brown

Treasurer	Alfred L. Converse	from	Assessors	Henry F. Brown
				Charles Barnes
Collector	Warren F. Tarbell	from	Wood & saw	James H. Buxton

Constables	Francis C. Cook	from	Surgeon	Abner M. Stebbins
	Andrew J. Hooker	"	of	Darius Shaw, all from
			Lumber	Thomas J. Morgan

	Samuel W. Brown		
Town Viewers	Summer Parker	all from	Committee
	John C. Spring		George Bacon
			to settle with Warren F. Tarbell
			Treasurer & Ephraim Fenton

	Henry F. Brown		
Committee on School	Summer Parker		Reuben Keeler
District Property	Abraham Charles		Samuel W. Brown
	Ephraim Fenton		Dealer of Lumber
	Thomas J. Morgan		Assessors
			Whaler
			Recorded by Henry F. Brown, Clerk

## Warrant

Hampden

To F. C. Cook Constable of the town of Brimfield

District

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections & in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the first day of April next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz:

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To see if the Town will abolish their School Districts, and if so to see what measures they will take to carry the same into effect

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at the Post Office in said Brimfield seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of March in the year One Thousand eight hundred & sixty seven

James B. Brown, Notary  
Cheney Weston, of Brimfield  
Brimfield, April 1, 1867

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield herein assented to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned by posting an attested copy of this warrant at the Town Hall and at the Post Office in said town seven days before the time set for Town Clerk said meeting, F. C. Cook, Constable of Brimfield

A true copy of  
the warrant  
Constables return  
thereon

Attest

Henry F. Brown

Town Clerk



Monday April 1, 1867

The Inhabitants of Bilimfield qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs met at the Town Hall pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and were called to order by the Town Clerk. Warrant read, after which the votes were received for a Moderator, and were for the following persons viz; Francis E. Cook had four votes (4) Samuel W. Brown had three votes (3) Francis E. Cook was declared elected, but wishing to be excused from serving which request was granted, another ballot was ordered, which resulted as follows. For Samuel W. Brown eleven votes for Joseph L. Woods two votes. And Samuel W. Brown was declared Elected

Voted To Abolish the several School Districts in town, forty seven (47) voting for it and forty (40) against the motion

Voted That a committee of five be chosen who are duly authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the town to take all necessary and proper measures to carry the vote for the abolition of the School Districts into full effect; provided that in making a selection of Appraisers they shall be disqualified non-residents, Henry F. Brown, Sumner Parker, Abraham Charles, Ephraim Fenton & Thomas J. Maynor were chosen as this Committee

Voted That this meeting be dissolved

A true record

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting April 20, 1867  
 Hampden ss

To F. E. Cook Constable of the town of Brimfield  
 Greeting

On the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Saturday the twentieth day of April inst. at two o'clock in the afternoon there and then to act on the following articles viz;

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To see if the town will reconsider the vote whereby they voted on the first day of April inst. to abolish their School Districts, and if so.

Third To see if the town will allow the several School Districts to choose their Prudential Committees

Fourth To see if the town will allow the Prudential Committees to hire their Teachers

Fifth To see if the town will unite School District No. Nine with School District No. One

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at the Post Office in said Brimfield seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, thereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting, Given under our hands this twelfth day of April in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty seven

A true copy of the  
 warrant & Constable's  
 return thereon

Attest

Henry F. Brown

Town Clerk

Hampden ss

Brimfield April 20<sup>th</sup> 1867, I have served

the within warrant as therein directed

F. E. Cook, Constable of Brimfield

James B. Brown, Selectman  
 Chas. H. Norton, Brimfield



On Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> 1867 the voters of Brimfield assembled at the Town Hall pursuant to the notice of the foregoing warrant and were called to order by the Town Clerk. After the reading of the warrant the votes were received for a Moderator, and were as follows: for Samuel W. Brown thirty votes (30) for James B. Brown six votes (6) and for W. F. Tarbell, E. Allen and C. K. Brown one vote (1) each Samuel W. Brown was declared elected.

The second Article in the Warrant being under consideration and several persons having expressed a doubt of the right of the town to take the action therein contemplated, on motion it was

Voted To dissolve the meeting  
Whereupon the meeting was dissolved.

At the second

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

### Warrant for Town Meeting Brimfield ss

To F. E. Cook Constable of  
the town of Brimfield, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Saturday the fourth day of May next at two o'clock in the afternoon there and then to act on the following articles to-wit:

Art. 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting,

Art 2<sup>d</sup>

To see if the Town will divide said town of Brimfield into School Districts and determine the limits thereof, and act thereon

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands, this twenty third day of April in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty seven

Samuel Parker, Selectman  
Henry Newton } of  
J. B. Brown } Brimfield

Hampden Co.

Brimfield May 4<sup>th</sup> 1867

I have served the within Warrant as herein directed

F. E. Cook

Constable of Brimfield

A true copy of the Warrant and Constables return thereon

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

In obedience to the foregoing warrant the voters of Brimfield met at the Town Hall in Brimfield on Saturday the fourth Day of May A. D. 1867, and were called to order by the Town Clerk, after the reading of the warrant. The votes were received for a Moderator and were for the following persons viz; for Samuel W. Brown forty seven 47 votes, for James B. Brown forty five 45 votes, for J. Brown twelve 12 votes, for F. E. Lincoln 8 — Given one vote each — Samuel W. Brown was declared Elected



## Continued

Alma Stebbins

Resolved. To divide the town into ten School Districts, the boundaries thereof to be the same as those in town at the last Annual Town meeting.

Thomas J. Morgan asked that the vote on the above motion be taken by Yeas and Nays.

And it was so ordered by vote of the town.

After the calling the list of voters it was found that sixty nine had voted Yea and eighty five had voted Nay - and the motion was not adopted.

After the Moderator had declared the result of the foregoing vote it was

Resolved To dissolve the meeting, and the same was dissolved.

A true record

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

## Report

To Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk of Brimfield

Sir

The Committee chosen by the town to carry into effect the vote to abolish the several School Districts in said town of Brimfield, met at the Selectmen's room on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1868 and agreed upon David Wright of Sturbridge, Joseph Ramsdell of Warren and Enos Catkins of Palmer as suitable persons to appraise the property of the several School Districts in town, also directed that the chairman notify them of their

appointment, requesting them to meet at the Selectmen's room in Brimfield April 22<sup>d</sup>, at 9 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of attending to the duties for which they were appointed and on that day they met the committee as aforesaid, and with them on that day and on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> visited and examined the committee at the various taking possession of the same in behalf of the town, the School Houses and other School District property belonging to the town, due notice of their coming and their purpose having been given at a meeting of the Inhabitants of said town held on Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> 1867, the report of said appraisers is hereto annexed

Henry F. Brown  
Chairman Town Council

Brimfield April 26<sup>th</sup> 1867

### Report of Appraisers

The subscribers having been notified that they were appointed appraisers by a committee of the town of Brimfield duly authorized by the town to act, and make such appointments, to appraise the several School Houses, lands, apparatus and property belonging to the several School Districts, met the Committee of the Town on Monday the 22<sup>d</sup> inst, and entered upon the duties assigned them and present the following

### Report

We have carefully examined the Houses and property belonging to the different Districts and find considerable difference in the present condition and value of the School District property.

On District No 1

The House is now not yet got up, it is 30 by 60 ft on the ground with 14 ft posts, and divided into two school rooms with water rooms, closets, a good cellar and well with pump, all conveniently arranged for the accommodation and comfort of 75 or 80 scholars. The furniture and fixtures of the rooms are of modern style, embracing modern improvements, and consist in part of 24 double Desks and seats, new stove and furnace, &c. &c. in the large room, and 24 single desks & seats



old stove and funnel in the small room, and as District property - 100 feet of settus, 8 chairs, and two desks for teachers, besides other items of property incidental to taking down an old house, and building up a new one, The land enclosed for the site of the building was secured by purchase and cost the Dist \$300, besides fencing & exclusive of the ground occupied by the old house & given up District N<sup>o</sup> 2

The house in this Dist is 28 by 40 ft with a piazza of 6 ft in front, and has a large school room 10 ft high with a ventilator in the center of the ceiling over head, comfortable seats and desks well arranged for the accommodation of 70 scholars. The house is built of brick and the outer walls are in a precarious condition, especially upon the West side requiring a strong prop upon the out-side to hold the house in its present position. The house lot is owned by the Dist and originally cost \$100, besides fencing

District N<sup>o</sup> 3. In this District we found a brick house well repaired and in good condition, The house is 25 by 29 ft, room 9 ft high well finished and furnished with modern style Desks and Seats and will seat 40 scholars

#### District N<sup>o</sup> 4

The house in this District is also brick with wood gable ends, on the ground the house is 22 by 28 ft with a wood house attached. The walls are in bad condition, cracked at the corners of the building, and bulged in the center. The seats & desks are of the old pattern and will seat 51 scholars

#### District N<sup>o</sup> 5

The house in this District is wood 24 by 32 ft and is very much out of repair. The North side of the roof has recently been shingled and the other side needs the same treatment badly, —

The room is 9 ft high furnished with 28 single Desks and Seats and will seat 35 scholars —

The room is very much out of repair. The plastering is much injured by a leak, and the doors down and one or two desks torn up. The house lot belongs to the Dist and is a good site for a school house

District No 6

An addition, some years since, was made to this house and the size now is 20 by 33 ft with a room 10 ft high and considerable accommodations for 40 scholars. The house has recently been shingled and would be much improved by a small amount of additional expense

District No 7

The house in this Dist is in very good condition for one of its kind. It is 24 by 28 ft - 9 ft high and will seat 40 scholars. The house lot, containing one fourth of an acre of land, is the property of the Dist

District No 8

The house in this Dist is built of brick 20 by 24 ft with hip roof, and shingled recently upon two sides, the walls to this house, like most of the brick houses we have examined, give evidence of insecure foundations as they are badly racked and cracked especially the East end. Comfortable seats and desks are arranged to seat 30 scholars

District No 9

We found the house in this district occupied by a family as a dwelling, and consequently cannot say what its condition might have been when it was used for a school house

District No 10

In this district we found the wreck of a house with four walls, poorly covered with what once were shingles upon the front side of the roof the other side of the roof with poor boards, laid on over the old shingles. The whole aspect of the building inside and out, is forbidding and we came unanimously to the conclusion, that if this building was ever in decent condition for a school house, it was long ago to deserve the dignity of any such distinction. The house is 20 by 26 ft. room 8 1/2 ft high, with



seats and desks such as they are to accommodate  
23 scholars

After careful investigation & deliberation and  
in view of the best information we have been able to  
obtain, we have fixed the appraised value of the  
houses, land and other district property of the  
several School Districts as follows to wit,

District N <sup>o</sup> 1	House, land & other property	\$3600 00
" N <sup>o</sup> 2	" " " "	875 00
" N <sup>o</sup> 3	" " " "	900 00
" N <sup>o</sup> 4	" " " "	550 00
" N <sup>o</sup> 5	" " " "	425 00
" N <sup>o</sup> 6	" " " "	500 00
" N <sup>o</sup> 7	" " " "	525 00
" N <sup>o</sup> 8	" " " "	300 00
" N <sup>o</sup> 9	" " " "	50 00
" N <sup>o</sup> 10	" " " "	125 00
Total		\$7850 00

We have found no little embarrassment in coming  
to conclusions satisfactory to our own minds,  
where so many items of property, bearing different  
values, are required to be brought to a relation,  
we are happy however to say that our opinions  
have very generally coincided, and if we have  
erred it is not in intention but in judgment

All which is respectfully submitted

David Wright  
Joseph Ramsdell  
Ezra Calhoun

Appraisers

Brimfield April 25<sup>th</sup> 1867

A. true copy

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

Warrant

Hampden ss

To F. C. Cook Constable of the town of Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Saturday the seventeenth day of Aug. Inst at one o'clock in the afternoon there and then to act on the following Article, viz;

Article First

To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting,

Second

To see if the Town will take measures to procure a site and build a school-house in that part of the town former called School District N<sup>o</sup> 10

Third

To see what measures the Town will take to keep their School Houses in repair

Fourth

To raise such sums of money as are necessary to carry into effect any vote they may pass

Fifth

To raise such committees as they may deem proper to carry into effect any vote they may pass

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at the Post Office in said Brimfield seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings hereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting, Given under our hands this tenth day of Aug. in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty seven

Sumner Parker & Selectmen  
Cheney Newton }  
J. B. Brown } of Brimfield

Hampden ss

Brimfield Aug 17. 1867

I have served the within as therein directed

F. C. Cook, Constable of Brimfield



August 17<sup>th</sup> 1867. The voters of Brimfield assembled at the Town Hall in compliance with the notification of the foregoing warrant after the reading of the warrant by the Town Clerk, Samuel W. Brown was elected Moderator by ballot, receiving thirteen votes the whole number cast, the second article in the warrant being under consideration it was

Voted That the town take measures to procure a site and erect thereon a School House in that part of the town hitherto known as School District N<sup>o</sup> 10

Voted That a Committee of three be chosen to carry the above vote into effect

Voted That the Moderator appoint a Committee of three to report the names of three persons as the above committee, and Newton S. Hubbard, Joseph L. Woods, and James B. Brown were so appointed and they reported the names of Alfred L. Converse Thomas F. Morgan and James S. Blair, and they were chosen as the aforesaid committee

Voted That this Committee be authorized in the name and behalf of the town to purchase the site proposed by the School Committee, and owned by A. W. Crossman, or any other they find to be more desirable.

Also, that they be authorized to contract for and erect on the land so purchased a suitable School House for the use of the inhabitants of that part of the town hitherto known as School District N<sup>o</sup> 10

Voted That this Committee be authorized to dispose of the present School property in that part of the town, in the way they judge best for the interest of the town

Voted That this Committee be authorized to make

all needed repairs on the School Houses in those parts of the town heretofore known as Districts No<sup>s</sup> Two and Five

Voted

That the fourth article be postponed without any action thereon

The Selectmen informed the town that notices had been served upon the town upon the petition of James B. Thorne and others, also of John S. Needham & others, for new roads, and that a day had been appointed by the County Commissioners when they would examine the premises and hear all parties interested,

Voted

That a committee of three be chosen to meet the County Commissioners when they view the routes petitioned for and that they take such action in the premises as they deem best for the interest of the town

Samuel Parker, Chas. Newton and James S. Blair were chosen this Committee

Voted

To dissolve the meeting

A true copy of the warrant, Constables return thereon, and record of the proceedings under the same

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

Warrant for Meeting Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1867  
Hampden Co

To Francis E. Cook Constable of the Town of Springfield in said County  
Greeting  
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of



Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Tuesday the fifth day of November next at Ten o'clock in the forenoon and at half past Ten o'clock at which time the Polls will be opened, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen of said Town, who will preside at said meeting, for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, one Councillor for councillor District No. 3, Secretary, Treasurer, and Town Clerk, General, Auditor of accounts, and Attorney General for the Commonwealth, one Senator for East-Hampden district, one Register of Deeds, one County Treasurer, one County Commissioner for Hampden County and one Representative for District number one in Hampden County to represent said district in the next General Court of this Commonwealth. All the said votes to be on one ballot.

The Selectmen fix 8 o'clock P.M. as the hour for closing the Polls

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at the Post Office seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Shew fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of holding said meeting

Given under our hands this Twenty first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven

J. B. Brown, Selectmen  
Chas. Weston } of Brimfield  
Hampden Co.

Brimfield Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1867

I have served the within warrant as therein directed

F. C. Cook, Constable of Brimfield

A true copy of warrant & return thereon  
Attest Henry F. Weston, Town Clerk

Pittsfield November 5<sup>th</sup> 1867. The selectmen of Pittsfield qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, assembled at the Town Hall in accordance with the requirements of the foregoing warrant, and were called to order by Sumner Parker chairman of the Selectmen at 10 o'clock and 50 minutes A.M. warrant read and the Polls immediately opened for the reception of votes, and the Polls were kept open until 3.0 clock P. M. when in accordance with a vote of the town the same closed, and the votes were sorted, counted and declared in open town meeting and were as follows viz:

- For Governor Alexander B. Bullock of Worcester had One Hundred and twenty nine votes  
John Quincy Adams of Quincy had sixty three votes
- For Lieutenant Governor William Clapham of Newton had One Hundred and thirty one votes  
George M. Stearns of Chicopee had Sixty three votes
- For Secretary of State Oliver Warner of Northampton had One Hundred and thirty three votes  
Charles Brimbleton of Ware had sixty three votes
- For State Treasurer Jacob H. Gould of Plymouth had One Hundred and thirty three votes  
Harvey Arnold of Adams had fifty six votes  
Benny Arnold " " " Seven votes
- For Auditor Benny S. Briggs of Pittsfield had One Hundred and thirty three votes  
Arthur F. Devereux of Westbury had Sixty three votes
- For Attorney General Charles Allen of Boston had One Hundred & thirty three votes  
William C. Endicott of Salem had sixty three votes
- For Councilor Sylvester Johnson of Adams had One Hundred & fifty one votes  
Phineas Allen of Pittsfield had seven votes  
Horatio S. Knight of East Hampton had thirty eight votes



For Senator

Henry Alexander Jr of Springfield had  
One Hundred and fifty one votes  
Charles B. Todd of Springfield had Forty three votes  
Homer Foot of Springfield had one vote

For  
County Treasurer

Abelville W. Dodge of Springfield had One  
Hundred and thirty three votes  
Hugh Donnelly of Springfield had Sixty three votes

For County  
Commissioner

Phineas Steadman of Blissford had One  
Hundred and thirty three votes  
Henry Bray of Springfield had Sixty three votes

For  
Register of Deeds

James C. Russell of Springfield had One  
Hundred and forty votes  
J. M. Forward of Southwick had Fifty six votes

For Representative  
for District No 1

Phineas F. Spaulding of Brimfield had One  
Hundred and twenty three votes  
John B. Williams of Monson had sixty four votes  
Samuel W. Brown of Brimfield had one vote  
James S. Blair " " " one "

Noted

After the declaration of the votes it was  
that the meeting be adjourned to the  
Selectmen's room, where the returns of votes  
were made out and sealed up, when  
the meeting was dissolved

A true record

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Town Clerk & Representative District No. One in Hampden County, held at the Selectmens room in Brimfield on Wednesday the sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty seven at 1867 for the purpose of examining the returns of votes cast in the several towns of said <sup>District</sup> for Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts

The whole number of votes returned was Six Hundred and seventy eight (678) and were for the following persons viz. for

John B. Williams of Monson. Three Hundred and fifty one votes (351)

For Phiny F. Spaulding of Brimfield. Three Hundred & twenty three votes 323

For Samuel W. Brown of Brimfield one vote (1)

For James S. Blair of Brimfield one vote (1)

For M. B. Barry of Wales Two votes (2)

John B. Williams of Monson having a plurality of votes was declared Elected

Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk of Brimfield  
George H. Newton " " " Monson  
S. S. Rodger " " " Wales  
F. E. Himes " " " Holland

Vote of the several Towns

	M. B. Barry	J. B. Williams	P. F. Spaulding	S. W. Brown	J. S. Blair
Brimfield		64	123	1	1
Monson		224	120		
Wales	Two	48	43		
Holland		15	37		
Total	2	351	323	1	1

Recorded by  
Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk



Warrant for Meeting Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> 1868  
 Hampden Co  
 To F. E. Cook Constable of the  
 Town of Springfield Meeting

In the name of the Commonwealth  
 of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify  
 and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Springfield  
 qualified to vote in town affairs and elections to meet  
 at the Town Hall in said Springfield on Monday  
 the ninth day of March next at Ten o'clock in  
 the forenoon then and there to act on the following  
 articles viz;

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Second To choose all necessary town Officers for the year  
 ensuing, and also all committees and agents  
 the business of the Town may require
- Third To hear Reports of the Selectmen, School Committee  
 and agents heretofore chosen by the town and act  
 thereon
- Fourth To raise money for the support of Schools
- Fifth To raise money for contingent expenses and  
 say how the same shall be appropriated
- Sixth To see if the town will accept the report  
 of the Selectmen in revising the list of jurors
- Seventh To see if the town will take measures to  
 restrain individuals from removing earth  
 from within the limits of the Highways
- Eighth To see if the town will take measures to restrain  
 individuals from placing obstructions within  
 the limits of the Highways, either by placing  
 their fences therein or otherwise, and further  
 what measures they will take to cause the same  
 to be removed if already so found therein

Ninth To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary for the payment of town debts and current expenses

Tenth To see if the town will allow their School Houses to be used for other purposes than Educational

And you are directed to serve this warrant by fast-  
up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at  
the Post Office in said Springfield seven days at  
least before the time of holding said meeting

And you are directed to fail not and make due return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at  
the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under  
our hands this twenty fourth day of February in the  
year one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight

Samuel Parker of Shelburne  
Henry Newton of  
James B. Brown of Springfield

Hampden Co. Springfield March 9<sup>th</sup> 1888

I have served  
the within warrant as therein directed

F. E. Cook

Constable of Springfield

A true copy of the warrant  
and Constable's return thereon

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> 1868

The voters of Brimfield assembled at the Town Hall and were called to order at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock A.M. by Henry F. Brown Town Clerk, the warrant and Return of Constable read, when the votes were received for Moderator and were<sup>for</sup> the following persons viz; For Samuel W. Brown twenty five votes Warren F. Tuttle one vote, Samuel W. Brown was declared Elected who upon taking the chair asked the Rev Charles M. Hyde to invoke the divine blessing.

After which the votes were received for Town Clerk and were for the following persons viz; for Henry F. Brown fifty four votes Elijah Allen one vote, Henry F. Brown was declared Elected

The votes were then received for a Selectman and were as follows; for James B. Brown forty one votes, for George Bacon eighteen votes, for Ephraim Fenton twelve votes, Newton S. Hubbard six votes, Sumner Parker and John W. Cowles two votes each, Elijah Allen one vote and Henry Newton two votes. James B. Brown was declared Elected

The votes were then received for a second Selectman and were as follows; for Dauphin Brown forty nine votes, for Henry Newton forty one votes for Ephraim Fenton five votes, for Porter A. Parker five votes, and for P. F. Spaulding and James J. Warren one vote each. Dauphin Brown was declared Elected.

The votes were then received for a third Selectman and were as follows; for Henry Newton fifty eight votes, for George Bacon sixteen votes, for Porter A. Parker eleven votes, for Jas. J. Warren four votes, for Sumner Parker two votes, for Ephraim Fenton

and Phineas F. Spaulding one vote each, Cheney Newton was declared Elected.

It was then at twelve o'clock noon voted to adjourn for one hour.

At 10 minutes past one o'clock P.M. the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, when the votes were received for an assessor and were for the following persons viz; for Warren F. Tarbell twenty two votes, for Ephraim Fenton seven votes, for George Dunham and George Bacon two votes each, and for Samuel A. Hitchcock one vote, Warren F. Tarbell was declared Elected.

The votes were then received for another assessor William H. Shuman had seventeen votes, Samuel W. Brown five votes Edward Bliss four votes, George H. Dunham and Wm H. Shaw three votes each and George Bacon one vote. Wm H. Shuman was declared Elected.

For a third Assessor the whole number of votes was sixty six and were as follows: for George Bacon thirty two votes, for Edward Bliss and Albert S. Proctor eleven votes each, for George Dunham six votes, Charles W. Fosket three votes, John W. Lawrence two votes and Harvey James one vote George Bacon was declared Elected.

The votes were then received for Treasurer and were as follows: Alfred L. Cornwell had forty seven votes, William H. Wykes, Edward W. Potter and Edward Bliss two votes each, & George Bacon & Samuel A. Hitchcock one vote each. Alfred L. Cornwell was declared Elected.

The votes were then received for a School Committee for three years, and were for Joseph L. Woods fifty eight votes, George Dunham twenty five votes, Warren F. Tarbell and James B. Brown three votes each, George Fosket, Charles Barry and S. W. Brown one vote each, Joseph L. Woods was declared Elected.



The votes were then received for Collector and were for Warren F. Turbel forty votes for Calvin B. Brown seventeen votes Warren F. Turbel was declared Elected

The votes were then received for a Constable. Francis E. Cook had thirty one votes Ous E. Parker & Samuel Haynes two votes each & John A. Elliot. Samuel W. Brown & Andrew J. Hooper one vote each. Francis E. Cook was declared Elected

For another Constable Edward Bliss had forty two votes Herriek W. Allen had ten votes and David Houston. Harvey James, Charles W. Fosket and Warren F. Turbel one vote each. Edward Bliss was declared Elected

The following officers were then by vote of the meeting Elected by nomination viz:

For Town Clerks Samuel W. Brown, Sumner Parker & John C. Spring

For Surveyors of Charles W. Fosket, Norman S. Powers, Thomas J. Morgan and David W. James

For Assessors of James T. Brown Albert S. Bouty and Wood and Bank Sumner Parker

For Pound Keeper Elijah Allen

For Field Drivers Harvey Russell, Daniel Howard & Simon Phelps

For Sealer of Leather Augustus Wheeler

Resolved

That when this meeting adjourns, that it be adjourned to meet on Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> at one o'clock P. M.

Resolved

To act on the 10<sup>th</sup> article

Voted

That it is the sense of this meeting that the several School Houses in town may be used for other than Educational purposes and that a committee of three be appointed to report at the adjourned meeting suitable rules for such use and Parsons, Allen, Warren F. Tarbell and Henry F. Brown were chosen that Committee

Report of School Committee

The School Committee made their annual report in print for distribution, also a written report in relation to the character and condition of the School Houses in town, and it was

Voted

That this last report be referred to a committee of three to examine the several School Houses and report to the town what action should be taken, Henry F. Brown, Darius Shaw & One Parker were chosen as this Committee

Adjourned

And then the meeting was adjourned to meet on the first Monday in April at one o'clock P. M.

The Selectmen reported a list of persons for jurors, voted that the name of Elias L. Swain be struck out therefrom, & the list be recommended to the Selectmen to report another name and they reported the name of Samuel H. Brown and as amended it was adopted by the town

Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> 1868

Met pursuant to adjournment

Voted to choose

a committee of three to settle with the Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor & that they be nominated by Joseph L. Woods, Francis E. Cook and George Bacon who reported, Warren F. Tarbell George Bacon and Joseph L. Woods as suitable persons to be chosen, and they were Elected

The report of the Committee to settle with the Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor was then read and accepted

The Selectmen presented their report on the Liquor Agency and it was accepted



Voted To raise Sixteen Hundred & fifty Dollars for the support of schools and that the same be appropriated for the wages and board of Teachers and for fuel

Voted To raise the sum of Five Thousand Dollars and that the same be appropriated for the construction and repair of Highways & Bridges for construction and repair of School Houses, for discount and abatement of taxes and current expenses of the town

Voted That the Selectmen be instructed to take measures to prevent and restrain individuals from removing earth from within the limits of the highways in town, and that the Road Agent be required to report to the Selectmen all cases of such removal that come to his knowledge

Voted That the Selectmen be instructed to take measures to prevent and restrain individuals from placing obstructions within the limits of the several highways in town, and that the Road Agent be required to report to the Selectmen all violations of this vote that come to his knowledge

Voted That the compensation of the Collector be the same as last year (see pages 9829) and that he have the same privileges, and be subject to the same conditions and restrictions as therein set forth & referred to

Vote To reconsider the vote accepting the list of jurors, and that the same be referred to the Selectmen for revision.

Who afterwards made their report which was accepted for list see page 65-

# Report of Selectmen

The Selectmen made a verbal report to the town upon the condition of the Bridge over Chicopee River near the house of Col Isaac King, bridge house is now supposed to be a County Bridge and supported as such by the County, but which the County Commissioners refuse to do for the future unless it can be shown that the County is under obligation so to do. The Selectmen also reported to the town a proposition which had been made to the towns of Palmer and Brimfield by the County Commissioners in relation to said Bridge whereupon it was

Noted

That a committee of three be chosen who are hereby authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the town to appear before the County Commissioners and take such action and make such arrangements in relation to rebuilding of road near to, and the Bridge over the Chicopee River near Col. Isaac King, as in their opinion will be for the best interest of the town. Also carry into effect any order of, or agreement made with the County Commissioners for that purpose. And Henry F. Brown, Sumner Parker and Benjamin B. Fenton were chosen as that Committee.

Noted

That the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow such sums of money as may be needed for the payment of town debts and current expenses.

Noted

That the Selectmen be requested to examine and ascertain whether there has been any violation of the rules of the town in relation to the Cemetery, and if so report to the town what action should be taken thereon.

over



The Committee to whom was referred the subject of preparing suitable rules for the use of School Houses for other than Educational purposes submitted the following viz;

*Resolved* That until otherwise ordered, the several School Houses in town may be used for Religious Meetings and Singing Schools at such times and in such manner as will not interfere with the regular sessions of the Schools; Provided where houses are insured no such use shall be allowed until permission for that purpose has been obtained from the office where insured. Also that the town shall be relieved from all expense on account of such use.

The Committee

Henry F. Brown, Daniel Shaw & Orr Parker to whom was referred the report of the School Committee in relation to School Houses reported the following for the consideration and action of the town viz;

*First* That the several School Houses in town be numbered <sup>each</sup> house taking the number of which the District in which it was situated was known.

*Second* That the town purchase of Daniel S. Green and Sumner Parker a piece of land (at a price not to exceed twenty five Dollars) for a site for School House No 9 and that the house be repaired and put in proper condition for use as a School House.

*Third* That the town purchase of William Fosket and William C. Blackfield a school house lot and erect thereon a School House for that part of the town heretofore known as School District No 8.

Fourth That it is expedient for the town to procure Insurance on School Houses N<sup>os</sup> 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 10 at the present time and on N<sup>os</sup> 8 & 9 when they shall have been built and repaired

Fifth That School Houses N<sup>os</sup> 3, 5, 6 & 7 be painted

Sixth That a committee of three be chosen who are hereby authorised in the name and behalf of the town, at such time as in their opinion the necessities of each case require to purchase land as aforesaid, and to contract for the erection of a School House in former District N<sup>o</sup> 8 and for the repair of School House N<sup>o</sup> 9, and to carry into effect the votes of the town for painting the several houses as aforesaid

And all of the foregoing recommendations (except the fourth) were accepted and adopted by the town and Henry F. Brown, Elam Fogg and Thomas J. Ryan were chosen as the committee to carry the same into effect

Voted To choose a School House agent whose duty it shall be to appoint & secure the services of some competent person as near as may be to each School House to take charge of the same, also to see that all needed repairs not otherwise provided for are made, and that the houses are furnished with all necessary furniture and utensils, also that said agents shall have the care of all books distributed by authority of the State & transmit them to his successor

Voted That the persons having the records & papers of the several School Districts be requested to deposit them with the Town Clerk, who is hereby directed to procure a suitable box or chest for the safe keeping of the same. A true record attest Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



Hampden Co.

To F. E. Cook, Constable of the  
town of Brimfield in said County

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts you are hereby directed to  
advise and warn the inhabitants of the town  
of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections  
and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall  
in said Brimfield on Tuesday the 3<sup>d</sup> day of  
November next at ten O'clock in the forenoon  
and at half past ten O'clock at which time  
the Polls will be opened to bring in their votes  
to Selectmen who will preside at said meeting  
for Electors of President and Vice President of  
the United States, One Representative from the  
tenth Congressional district, Governor, Lieutenant  
Governor, One Councillor for councillor district No  
8, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General,  
Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of the  
Commonwealth, one Senator for East Hampden  
District, one Representative for District No 1  
in Hampden County to represent said district  
in the next General Court of this Commonwealth  
One District Attorney, One Sheriff, 3 Commissioners  
of Insolvency, one County Commissioner  
and two Special Commissioners for Hampden  
County, All on one ballot

The Selectmen  
fix the time at three o'clock P.M. for closing  
the Polls

And you are directed to serve this  
warrant by posting up attested copies thereof  
at the Town Hall and at the Post Office in  
said Brimfield seven days at least before  
the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail  
not and make due return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon to the Selectmen

at the time and place of meeting

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty eight

James B. Brown } Selectman  
 Chas Newton }  
 Springfield  
 Hampden Co

Brimfield Nov 3<sup>d</sup> 1868

I have served the within warrant as therein directed

F. E. Cook, Constable of  
 1 Brimfield

Brimfield November 3<sup>d</sup> 1868, the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs assembled at the Town Hall in accordance with the requirements of the foregoing warrant and were called to order at half past ten o'clock A.M. by James B. Brown chairman of the Selectmen. The warrant was read when the Polls were opened for the reception of votes, and were kept open until until 3 o'clock P.M. when in accordance with a vote of the town the Polls were closed — And the votes were sorted, counted and declared, in open town meeting and were as follows:

For Electors  
 at large

John H. Clifford of New Bedford had One Hundred and forty votes  
 David Sears of Boston had One Hundred and forty votes

Electors for  
 District No 1

Richard L. Pease of Edgarton had One Hundred and forty votes

District No 2

William Mason of Taunton had One Hundred and forty votes

District No 3

William Whiting of Boston had One Hundred and forty votes



District N<sup>o</sup> 4 Frank B. Fay of Chelsea had One Hundred and forty votes

District N<sup>o</sup> 5 James H. Duffum of Lynn had One Hundred and forty votes

District N<sup>o</sup> 6 George Cogswell of Bradford had One Hundred and forty votes

District N<sup>o</sup> 7 J. Wiley Edmonds of Newton had One Hundred and forty votes

District N<sup>o</sup> 8 Paul Whelan of Northbridge had One Hundred and forty votes

District N<sup>o</sup> 9 Charles A. Stevens of Ware had One Hundred and forty votes

District N<sup>o</sup> 10 Milton B. Whitney of Westfield had One Hundred and forty votes

For Electors Josiah B. Albot of Boston had fifty five votes  
at Large John B. Briggs of Sheffield had fifty five votes

For District N<sup>o</sup> 1 Isaac T. Jones of Sandwich had Fifty five votes

" District N<sup>o</sup> 2 Samuel B. Thaxter of Abington had Fifty five votes

" District N<sup>o</sup> 3 James M. Peirish of Boston had Fifty five votes

" District N<sup>o</sup> 4 Edwin C. Barnes of Chelsea had Fifty five votes

" District N<sup>o</sup> 5 Jonathan Haynes of Amherst had Fifty five votes

" District N<sup>o</sup> 6 John H. Tabor of Lawrence had Fifty five votes

" District N<sup>o</sup> 7 William F. Salmon of Lowell had Fifty five votes

" District N<sup>o</sup> 8 Levi Barber of Worcester had Fifty five votes

- For District N<sup>o</sup> 9 J. Otis Hale of Southampton had Fifty five votes
- " District N<sup>o</sup> 10 Henry W. Bishop of Lenox had Fifty five votes
- For Governor William Claflin of Newton had One Hundred and thirty six votes  
John Quincy Adams, of Quincy had Fifty seven votes
- For Lieutenant Governor Joseph Tucker of Lenox had One Hundred and thirty nine votes  
Reuben Noble of Westfield had Fifty six votes
- For Secretary of State Oliver Warner of Northampton had One Hundred and forty votes  
Charles Brimblecom of Barre had Fifty six votes
- For Treasurer and Receiver General Jacob H. Loud of Plymouth had One Hundred and forty votes  
Harvey Arnold of North Adams had Fifty six votes
- For Auditor Henry S. Briggs of Pittsfield had One Hundred and forty votes  
Arthur F. Diveroux of Roxbury had Fifty six votes
- For Attorney General Charles Allen of Boston had One Hundred and forty votes  
William C. Endicott of Salem had Fifty six votes
- For Councillor Eighth District Horatio S. Knight of Easthampton had One Hundred and forty votes  
Roland Parks of Russell had Fifty six votes
- District Attorney Western District Edward B. Sillett of Westfield had One Hundred and forty votes  
William R. Plunkett of Pittsfield had Fifty six votes
- For Member of Congress 10<sup>th</sup> District Henry L. Dawes of Pittsfield had One Hundred and forty votes  
Abijah W. Chapin of Springfield had Fifty five votes



For Sheriff

Addison M. Bradley of Springfield had  
One Hundred and thirty eight votes  
Charles W. Knox of Chester had Fifty six votes  
Frederick Cook of Springfield had one vote

For Register  
of Probate

Samuel B. Spooner of Springfield had  
One Hundred and forty votes  
Edward Morris of Springfield had Fifty six votes

For County  
Commissioners

Randolph Stebbins of Longmeadow had  
One Hundred and thirty nine votes  
Ald. H. Cathers of Longmeadow had Fifty six votes  
J. S. Loomis of Palmer had one vote

For Special  
Commissioners

Abert J. Bagg of West Springfield had  
One Hundred and forty votes  
Newton S. Hubbard of Brimfield had  
One Hundred and thirty five votes  
Newton S. Hubbard of Brimfield had five votes  
J. H. Churchill of Agawam had Fifty six votes  
Joshua Tracy of Monson had Fifty six votes

For Commissioners  
of  
Insolvency

Henry B. Lewis of Westfield had One  
Hundred and forty votes  
Charles C. Wright of Agawam had One  
Hundred and forty votes  
James S. Allen of Palmer had One Hundred  
and thirty nine votes  
F. Edward Gray of Springfield had Fifty six votes  
Abels Taylor of Chicopee had Fifty six votes  
S. W. Granger of Tolland had Fifty six votes

For Senator  
for

Eastern Camden

Charles B. Ladd of Springfield had One Hundred  
and thirty nine votes  
John Hooker of Springfield had Fifty four votes  
Samuel Parker of Brimfield had one vote

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For Representative Ferdinand H. Burley of Wales had ninety eight votes  
District 1<sup>st</sup> One Joel S. Williams of Monson had ninety two votes

After the public declaration of the foregoing votes the  
meeting was adjourned to the selectmen's room  
where  
after making out signing, and sealing up the  
returns of the foregoing votes the meeting was  
dissolved

A true record

Attest

Amy F. Brown  
Town Clerk



# Town Clerks Meeting Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1868

At a meeting of the Town Clerks of Representative District N<sup>o</sup> One in Hampden County held at the Schoolroom in Springfield on Wednesday the fourth day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty eight at noon for the purpose of examining the returns of votes cast in the several towns of said District for Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts

The whole number of votes returned was Seven Hundred & ninety two and were for the following persons viz:

For Ferdinand L. Burley of Wales Four Hundred and Sixty one

For Joel B. Williams of Monson Three Hundred and Thirty one

Ferdinand L. Burley of Wales having a plurality of the votes cast was declared Elected

Henry F. Brown Town Clerk of Springfield  
 Geo. M. Newton " " " Monson  
 Geo. S. Rodgers " " " Wales  
 F. C. Hinney " " " Holland

## Vote of the several Towns

	For Ferdinand L. Burley	For Joel B. Williams
Springfield	98	92
Monson	217	192
Wales	110	26
Holland	36	21
	461	331

Recorded by  
 Henry F. Brown  
 Town Clerk

# Town Officers for 1868

Town Clerk	Henry F. Brown	Thomas J. Morgan
	James S. Brown	David W. Jones
Selectmen	Stephen Brown	Charles W. Fosket
	Cheney Newton	Norman H. Powers
		Measurer of James T. Brown
Assessors	Warren F. Tarbell	Wood & Park Sumner Parker
	William H. Shuman	Albert S. Prouty
	George Bacon	
Treasurer	Alfred L. Converse	Field Drivers Harvey Russell
		Daniel Howard
Collector	Warren F. Tarbell	Simon Phelps
Constables	Francis E. Cook	Sealer of Leather Augustus Wheeler
	Edward Bliss	Committee Warren F. Tarbell
	Samuel W. Brown	to settle with George Bacon
Free Viewers	Sumner Parker	Treasurer Joseph L. Woods
	John C. Spring	Committee Henry F. Brown
School Committee	Joseph L. Woods	to build & repair Olam Ferry
for three years,		School House Thomas J. Morgan
Pound Keeper	Elijah Allen	School House Agent Alfred L. Converse
		& true record

Attest Henry F. Brown, Clerk

The following names are selected and recommended to the town as being suitable persons for the Jury Box for the year ensuing

James H. Buxton	William H. Shaw	George Bacon
Cheney Newton	Sumner Parker	Samuel H. Brown
Ezra B. Weld	Thomas C. Blaisfield	William H. Cogges
John W. Lawrence	William Fosket	Calvin B. Dodge
Albert S. Prouty	Stephen H. Powers	

February 24<sup>th</sup> 1868

Sumner Parker } Selectmen  
Cheney Newton } Burdette

Recorded by Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



Hampden p.

To either of the Constables of  
Brinfield Breeling,  
In the name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts to you are required to notify and warn  
the inhabitants of Brinfield qualified to vote in Elections  
and in Town Affairs to meet at the Town Hall in  
said Brinfield on Saturday the fifth day of December  
next at one o'clock in the afternoon then & there  
to act on the following articles viz:

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting,  
Second To see if the town will approve the doings of  
the Selectmen in altering and laying a new  
Town way as petitioned for by Warren Agard  
and others

And you are directed to serve this  
warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at  
the Town Hall and at the Post Office in said  
Brinfield seven days at least before the time  
of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and  
make due return of this warrant with your  
doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time  
and place of meeting

Given under our hands this  
twenty eighth day of November in the year One  
Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty eight

J. B. Brown } Selectmen  
Henry Newton } of Brinfield

Brinfield Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1868

To Henry F. Brown Town Clerk  
I have served the within warrant as directed  
Ewd Bliss, Constable

A true copy of the warrant and Constables return  
thereon

Attest Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

Brinfield December 5<sup>th</sup> 1888

The voters of Brinfield met pursuant to the foregoing warrant, after the reading of the warrant it was

Voted To Choose a Moderator by nomination and Samuel W Brown was nominated & chosen

The chairman of the Selectmen James B. Brown read to the meeting the report of the Selectmen granting the petition of Warren Agard and others for alteration and location of Town way.

After some discussion upon the same, upon the request of the Selectmen it was

Voted That the petition of Warren Agard & others for a Town way, with the report of the Selectmen thereon be recommitted to the Selectmen for such action as they may deem proper

After the above it was voted that the meeting be dissolved

A true record

Attest

Samuel F. Brown  
P Town Clerk



Hampden ss

To F. E. Cook Constable of the  
town of Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts you are required to notify and  
warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield  
qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs  
to meet at the Hall of the First Congregationalist  
Society in said Brimfield on Monday the eighth  
day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon  
then and there to act on the following articles viz;

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Second To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing
- Third To hear reports of the Selectmen, School Committee  
and agents heretofore chosen by the town and act thereon
- Fourth To raise money for the support of Schools for the  
ensuing and direct how the same shall be expended
- Fifth To raise such sums of money as may be necessary  
for the payment of a part or the whole of the town  
debts and defray expenses for the current year
- Sixth To see if the Town will accept the report of the  
Selectmen in revising the list of jurors
- Seventh To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer  
to borrow money to pay town debts or defray  
expenses
- Eighth To see what action the town will take in regard  
to the length of time their schools shall be kept  
as well as the time at which the terms of the  
several schools shall commence
- Ninth To see if the Town will accept the provisions  
of the Statute of the General Laws of 1867

Chap 242 entitled in and concerning Shade and Ornamental Trees standing in Highways and Streets

Tenth To see if the Town will authorize their Collector to use all means of collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed collector may use

Eleventh To see if the Town will take any action in regard to warning their Town Meetings

And you are directed to serve this writ warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Hall of the First Congregationalist Society and at the Post Office in said Brimfield seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

And you are directed to fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands this Twentieth day of February in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty nine

Jas. B. Brown Selectmen  
 Henry Newton } of  
 Lauphin Brown, Brimfield  
 Hampden Jr

Brimfield March 8<sup>th</sup> 1869

I have served the within Warrant as therein directed

F. E. Cook, Constable of Brimfield



March 8<sup>th</sup> 1869

The Inhabitants of Springfield, qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs met in accordance with the requirements of the foregoing warrant and after the reading of the warrant by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk, the votes were received for Moderator, which when sorted and counted were found to number forty two, and were all for Francis D. Lincoln, and he was declared Elected by a Unanimous vote

Who upon assuming the duties of the office invited the Rev. Chas. M. Hyde to invoke the blessing of God upon the deliberations of the meeting. After which it was voted to proceed to the choice of a Town Clerk by ballot. Henry F. Brown had Fifty three votes and William B. Wyles had two votes. Henry F. Brown was declared Elected.

The votes were then received for a Selectman. Ephraim Fenton had Forty votes, Sumner Parker had Thirty three votes, Samuel W. Brown had Twenty one votes, Francis E. Cook had Five votes and Sarius Shaw one vote. Ephraim Fenton was declared Elected.

The votes were then received for another Selectman and after sorting and counting, found to be for Abraham Charles Thirty two votes, for Samuel W. Brown Twenty four votes, for George Bacon Twenty nine votes, for Sumner Parker Five votes, for Francis E. Cook Three votes, for Henry Newton, One vote, for D. H. Howard one vote. Abraham Charles was declared Elected.

The votes were then received for a third Selectman. Samuel W. Brown had Forty four votes, Edward W. Potter had Thirty votes, Francis E. Cook had Ten votes, George Bacon had Four votes, Sumner Parker had Two votes, Joseph C. Hunter had

One vote and Abiram C. Powers had One vote, Samuel W. Brown was declared Elected

The Moderator then asked the persons elected to the Office of Selectman to come forward and be sworn, whereupon Samuel W. Brown stated to the town that he was willing to accept the office of Selectman, provided the duties of Overseer of the Poor were not included with the duties of that office, and wished the town to distinctly understand that if sworn as Selectman that he should not act as one of the Overseers of the Poor.

The town took no action upon the communication of Samuel W. Brown and Ephraim Fenton. Abraham Charles & Samuel W. Brown were sworn as Selectmen by the Moderator

Voted It was then At 12 o'clock and 34 minutes, to adjourn for one hour

Next pursuant to adjournment and the votes were received for an Assessor, Warren F. Tarbell had Sixty eight votes, Elam Ferry, Thirty eight votes and Pliny F. Spaulding had four votes, Warren F. Tarbell was declared Elected

The votes were then received for a second Assessor Pliny F. Spaulding had Sixty three votes, Darius Shaw had Thirty six votes, for C. Hunter had Three votes, and George Bacon had one vote Pliny F. Spaulding, was declared Elected

The votes were then received for a third Assessor George Bacon had Sixty votes, Elam Ferry had Twenty seven votes, Darius Shaw had Fourteen votes, Ellen Shaw had One vote and Francis I. Lincoln had one vote — George Bacon was declared Elected

And Warren F. Tarbell, and George Bacon were sworn as Assessors for the current year, by the Moderator, and after the adjournment of the meeting, Pliny F. Spaulding was sworn for the same office by the Town Clerk



The votes were then received for Treasurer of the Town. Alfred L. Converse had Sixteen votes and Francis B. Lincoln had one vote, Alfred L. Converse was declared Elected, and was sworn by the Moderator.

The votes were then received for a School Committee for Three Years. Warren F. Tarbell had Fifty four votes, Miss Ellen P. Shaw had nine votes, Rev Charles M. Hyde had Three votes, John Lawrence had Two votes, and William R. Dimick had one vote. Warren F. Tarbell was declared Elected.

It was then  
voted To choose a Collector of Taxes for the current year. And Ephraim Fenton moved that the Collection of Taxes be set up to the lowest bidder upon the understanding that the person so bidding shall have the privilege of being Constable, it being understood that any person so bidding, must afterwards be elected to those offices by Ballot.

Doubts as to the legality of this mode of procedure having been suggested the motion was not pressed to a vote, the Moderator stated, that no objections being made he would ask for offers from individuals, stating for what sum they would collect the Taxes for the current year. Samuel W. Brown offered to do it for One Hundred & Fifty Dollars and Ephraim Fenton offered to do it for Forty Dollars no other person wishing to submit an offer.

The votes were received for a Collector of Taxes. Warren F. Tarbell had Seventy seven votes and Ephraim Fenton had nine votes. Warren F. Tarbell was declared Elected.

The votes were then received for a Constable Francis E. Cook had Twenty votes Jerome Hamilton had Three votes, Ephraim Fenton had Three votes, W<sup>m</sup> M. Wyls had one vote, — Warren F. Tarbell had six votes and Phineas

F. Spaulding had one vote, Francis E. Cook was declared Elected, but having served in that office the past year he declined to accept the office

And another ballot was voted at which Cheney Newton had Twenty six votes, Warren F. Tarbell had nine votes, George Bacon had two votes, James Hamilton had two votes and Joseph C. Hunter had two votes. Cheney Newton was declared Elected

The votes were then received for another Constable. Ephraim Fenton had Seventeen votes, Warren F. Tarbell had six votes, George Bacon and James Harvey Jr had two votes each, and Joseph C. Hunter, Nathaniel M. Goodell, Joseph L. Woods, Edward W. Potter, Philip F. Spaulding, William S. Jones, had One vote each. Ephraim Fenton was declared Elected

And Cheney Newton and Ephraim Fenton, were sworn as Constables for the current year, by the Moderator

Voted To Elect three Fence viewers, and the votes were received for the same, Sumner Parker had Four votes, Samuel W. Brown had Four votes, John C. Spring had Five votes and George Bacon & Newton S. Hubbard had one vote each. Sumner Parker, Samuel W. Brown and John C. Spring were declared Elected, and sworn by the Moderator. The foregoing Fence viewers were voted for on one ballot, in accordance with a vote to that purpose

Nathan F. Robinson then moved that the town choose a board of Overseers of the Poor but this motion failing to receive the support of a majority of those voting thereon, it was declared not a vote.

Voted To choose Four Surveyors of Lumber, and that they be chosen by nomination, and Henry F. Brown, Thomas J. Morgan, Charles W. Fosket and David W. Jones, were nominated and Elected, and Henry F. Brown, Thomas J. Morgan and David W. Jones were sworn by the Moderator



Voted To Elect Five Measurers of Wood and Bark, and that they be chosen by nomination. George M. Hitchcock, Sumner Parker, Charles W. Forbet, Stephen N. Powers and Moses M. Baker were chosen. Stephen N. Powers asked to be excused from serving and his request was granted and Abiram C. Powers was chosen to fill the vacancy. Sumner Parker and Moses M. Baker were sworn by the Moderator, and George M. Hitchcock by the Town Clerk.

Voted To Elect Three Field Drivers and that they be chosen from nominations. Henry Solander, George Puffer, & Charles Collier, were chosen, the two first chosen declining to serve they were excused & Francis E. Cook & Josiah Stebbins were chosen to the vacancies. Francis E. Cook and Charles Collier, were sworn by the Moderator.

Voted To Elect a Pound Keeper and Edward Bliss was chosen to that office.

Voted To Elect a Dealer of Leather and John W. Browning was chosen to that office.

Voted To act upon matters embraced in the Third article.

And George Bacon of the Committee to settle with the Treasurer read to the Town a report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town for the past year, and it was

Voted That the report be recommended to the same Committee for the purpose of including therein the Settlement with the Overseers of the Poor, for action at the Adjourned meeting.

Voted That when this meeting adjourns it shall be to the first Monday in April next to meet at One o'clock P.M.

The Selectmen submitted a written report in relation to a violation, of the rules of the Town in regard to the burying, of James J. Warren, whereupon it was

Voted That the matter be left with the Selectmen to confer with Mr Warren and ascertain and report to the town at the adjourned meeting what he proposes and is willing to do in the premises.

The Committee chosen in 1866, to procure and cause to be erected a Monument to the Soldiers of Brimfield who died in the War of the Rebellion, reported that they had attended to that duty in part. That the fate of two of our Soldiers was not definitely ascertained at the time of the erection of the Monument, but who it has since been ascertained died in the war, and asked that their names may be inscribed upon the Monument. They also reported, that Silas C. Herring & Elijah T. Shuman had at their own expense Enclosed the Monument Park with a substantial and elegant Iron Fence and Emblematic Gate, and concluding by recommending the following, which was adopted by a unanimous vote

Whereas Silas C. Herring and Elijah T. Shuman former Citizens of the Town of Brimfield generously gave the Iron Fence which encloses the ground where the Soldiers Monument stands,

Therefore -

Voted Unanimously that the Thanks of the Town are due and are hereby tendered them for the above named generous gift.

Voted That the Town Clerk be directed to forward a copy of the above vote to Silas C. Herring and Elijah T. Shuman.

Voted That the Monument Committee be authorized to have the names of Patrick Barry and John Cronin inscribed upon the Soldiers Monument.

The School Committee then read so much of their annual report as related to



the use of the several School House in town, for other, than School purposes, and it was

Voted That the matter of allowing the several School House in town to be used, for other, than School purposes be left to the discretion & determination of the School Committee

Voted To act on the Sixth article in the warrant, and the report of the Selectmen proposing the following, named persons for jurors was accepted. viz

James H. Buxton	Erza B. Weld
John W. Lawrence	William Fosket
Stephen H. Powers	
Samuel H. Brown	Calvin Blodgett
Emory Livermore	
Alfred L. Lawrence	Charles W. Bacon
Charles Burbank	
Austin Woodard	Benjamin B. Fenton
Wm H. Sherman	

Voted To act on the Seventh Article in the warrant and that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money to pay Town debts or defray expenses

Voted To adjourn and the meeting was adjourned to meet as per vote for that purpose

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

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Adjourned Meeting April 5<sup>th</sup> 1869

Francis D. Lincoln the Moderator being absent the meeting was called to order by Henry F. Brown Town Clerk, and the votes were received for a Moderator Protem, Sumner Parker had Twenty five votes and was declared elected, but wishing to be excused from serving the town voted to excuse him and another ballot was had, Samuel W. Brown had twenty six votes and was declared elected Moderator Protem.

Voted That a committee of three be appointed to nominate a committee of three to settle with the Treasurer, Overseers of Poor who afterwards reported the names of Henry F. Brown, Warren F. Tarbell and Porter A. Parker for that office, and they were chosen.

The Town Clerk informed the town that Charles W. Fosket who was chosen Surveyor of Lumber and Measurer of Wood and Bark, and Josiah Stubbins who was chosen Field Driver had been duly notified of their election, but had failed to appear to take the oath of office.

Voted To pass over the matter of filling the vacancies without action.

The Town Clerk informed the town that John W. Browning wished to be excused from serving as Dealer of Leather for the reason that he had Leather to be inspected and in those cases would be interested.

And the town voted to excuse him and Augustus Wheeler was chosen to fill the vacancy.

Voted That a Committee of three be chosen to appear and represent the town before the County



Commissioners on the petition of James B. Brown and others for a highway and that it be left discretionary with them to take such <sup>action</sup> as they judge best for the interest of the town, Darius Shaw, Alfred L. Converse and James S. Blair were chosen as his committee

Voted

That the Town Treasurer be authorised to advance to Francis A. Groves such sums of money as he may need to relieve his present necessities and such further sums as may be required for the support of himself and family during his sickness, the whole amount so advanced not to exceed \$575, on condition the said Groves assigns and conveys to the town a certain Mortgage and notes he holds against Sarah Davenport, it being understood that the town will repay to said Groves or his legal heirs whatever amount they may receive on said notes over and above the amount so advanced and interest and all expenses incurred in collecting the same

The Selectmen reported as the result of their conference with James J. Warren, that Mr. Warren authorised them to inform the town that he was willing to fix his <sup>conveying</sup> lot to the satisfaction of the heirs of Rev Joseph baill.

Voted

That a Committee of three be chosen and they are hereby authorised and directed to notify James J. Warren, that in erecting the curb stone around the two lots he has taken in the Cemetery, he has violated the rules of the town in relation to the same, by including therein more land than he is entitled to, allowing him the alley between the same, and request him to have his curb or fence made to conform to the limits of the two lots including the alley between the same

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And if he neglects or refuses so to do take measures to have the same done so that his Curb shall conform to the limits of the two lots as established by the town

Voted That a Committee of three be appointed to nominate the Committee of three for the above purpose and Francis S. Cook, Jos<sup>ph</sup> L. Woods and George Bacon were appointed this Committee and they reported as proper persons the names of Sumner Parker, John W. Morgan and Thomas J. Morgan and they were chosen —

Voted To raise Eighteen Hundred Dollars for the support of Schools for the current year, and that the same be appropriated for the wages and board of Teachers, fuel, care of School Houses and building fees

Voted To raise Six Thousand Dollars and that the same be appropriated for the expense of repairs of Highways and Bridges, for repairs of School Houses, current expenses of the town and payment of Town debts

Voted To accept the provisions of General Laws 1867 Chap 242 concerning Shade and Ornamental Trees

Voted That the compensation of the Collector be the same as last year (see pages 9, 29, 54) and that he have the same privileges and be subject to the same conditions and restrictions as therein set forth & agreed to

Voted That in serving Warrants for Town Meetings the Constable be required to post a copy of the same at the Brainfield Post Office, and at the Town Hall. Also by mailing a copy for the Post Office at East Brainfield and Parkville

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to procure printed blanks for Warrants



It was moved by Lewis Blackmer that the Assessors be required to have the valuation of the town together with the account of the Receipts and Expenditures for the current year, printed for distribution to the voters on a division thirty voted for the motion and thirty eight against it and it was declared not a vote

It was then moved that the Road Committee and Road Agent be a committee to confer with the contractors for the repair of the roads embraced in their several contracts and ascertain on what terms they will consent to rescind the same & report at a future meeting, but the motion failing to receive the support of a majority voting thereon it was declared not a vote

Voted That this meeting be dissolved and the same was done

Recorded by  
Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

### Copy of Warrant

To C. Newton, constable of the town of Brimfield  
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Friday the thirtieth day of April inst at One o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz:

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Second To see if the town will change the present mode of repairing their town roads back

to their former method, or take some other method that shall secure to the town good and safe roads

Third To see if the town will alter their vote to pay a premium to those that pay their Taxes before the first of September

Fourth To act on any and all other business that may be thought necessary

Fifth To see if the town will alter or amend the vote passed March 11<sup>th</sup> 1867 in relation to repairing of Highways & Bridges by contract

Sixth To choose all necessary Town Officers not chosen at the Annual Meeting, and to fill any vacancies in town officers

Seventh To see if the town will take any action or give any directions for the care and support of Daniel Wheat said to be Insane

Eighth To hear and act upon the report of any Committee or agents heretofore chosen by the town, and choose all officers, committees and agents the business of the town may require

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at the Post Office and by mailing them to the Post Office in the East and West parts of the town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty second day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty nine

Samuel J. Brown

S. W. Brown, Selectman  
Ephraim Fenton } F. Brimfield

Brimfield April 30<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1869. I have served the within warrant as therein directed, Cheney Newton, Constable of Brimfield

A true copy of the Warrant & return thereon  
Attest Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk



The inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs assembled at the Town Hall on Friday April 30<sup>th</sup> in accordance with the foregoing warrant and were called to order by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk, after the reading of the warrant. The votes were received for a Moderator, Samuel W. Brown had ten votes. Sumner Parker had one vote, Samuel W. Brown was declared Elected

Voted To act on the 6<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant

A. L. Converse moved that the town proceed to choose two Selectmen in addition to the three chosen at the Annual Meeting, after discussion, the motion was withdrawn without a vote being taken

Voted To pass over the 2<sup>d</sup> article in the warrant without acting on the same

Also, voted to pass the 3<sup>d</sup> article in the same manner

Voted To act on the 5<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant,

And that the first vote or section of the votes of the town passed March 11<sup>th</sup> 1867 in relation to repairing the Highways by contract be amended as follows: by inserting after the words in the first line, "that a committee of five be chosen who" the words, "shall hold their office for five years, unless removed therefrom by the town, they" also by inserting after the word town at the end of the sixth line in said vote, the words "or said committee"

Also that in the vote numbered fourth as recorded on page 25<sup>th</sup> of this book, the word "Selectmen" shall be stricken out, at the end of the vote or section, and the words, "committee of five aforesaid" shall be added thereto

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It was then moved that all the roads in town the repair of which has not been contracted for, be disposed of for the remainder of the five years by auction to the lowest bidder, this motion failing to receive the support of a majority of those voting, the motion was not adopted.

Voted To choose a board of Overseers of the Poor for the current year

Also that a committee of three be appointed to nominate them, and Joseph L. Woods, James S. Blair and Alfred L. Converse were appointed this committee and they reported the names of Henry F. Brown, Sumner Parker and Francis E. Cook as candidates for that office, and they were elected Overseers of the Poor for the current year.

Voted To choose Two additional Selectmen, which vote was reconsidered, and then the motion was withdrawn

Voted That the care and support of Daniel Clark be left to <sup>the</sup> discretion and determination of the Overseers of the Poor

Voted That a committee of three be chosen to examine the road recently constructed in the Great Swamp on petition of Elijah Lumbard & others and if after such examination they are of the opinion a more durable road can be constructed upon another location they are authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the town to petition the County Commissioners to locate the same or take such other action in the matter as they deem best for the interest of the town



Voted That this committee be nominated by a committee appointed by the moderator who appointed Nathaniel F. Robinson, Paul W. Paige and Abraham Charles who reported for this committee Paul W. Paige, Henry F. Brown and Elam Fessenden and they were chosen by the town

Newton S. Hubbard chairman of the School Committee reported to the town that School House No 7 had been destroyed by fire

Doubts having been expressed as to the right of the town to Elect a board of Overseers of the Poor at this meeting, the gentlemen elected asked that the subject might be investigated before they were sworn into office and it was

Voted That the gentlemen chosen as Overseers be authorized to obtain counsel at the expense of the town

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> to meet at three o'clock P.M. and it was so adjourned

Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> 1869 The Inhabitants of Brimfield met pursuant to adjournment and were called to order by the moderator Samuel W. Brown

Henry F. Brown one of the persons chosen as Overseers of the Poor reported that the persons so chosen had taken legal counsel on the question of their being legally chosen and had received from Henry Morris Esq of Springfield an opinion in writing, that the action of the town was legal, and also informed the town that the persons chosen Overseers of the Poor viz Sumner Parker, Francis E. Cook & Henry F. Brown had

have duly sworn by Samuel W. Brown Justice  
of the Peace, and acted upon the duties of his  
office

Ephraim Fenton made a motion to act on  
the third article in the warrant, but the motion  
was not sustained

On motion of Ephraim Fenton  
it was voted to act on the second article

It was  
then voted to dissolve the meeting, and the meeting  
was dissolved

Attest Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

### Town Officers for 1869

Town Clerk Henry F. Brown

Surgeons Henry F. Brown  
of Thomas J. Morgan

Selectmen Ephraim Fenton  
Abraham Chubb

Samuel W. Brown Assessors George M. Hildreth  
of Sumner Parker

Warren F. Tarbell Wood & Bark Moses H. Baker

Assessors Philip F. Spaulding  
George Bacon Field Francis E. Cook  
Drivers Charles Collier

Treasurer Alfred L. Bonware

Committee Henry F. Brown  
to settle with Warren F. Tarbell  
Treasurer Porter A. Parker

Collector Warren F. Tarbell

School Committee for 3. yrs Warren F. Tarbell

Overseers Henry F. Brown  
of the Sumner Parker  
Constables Cheney Newton Poor Francis E. Cook  
Ephraim Fenton

Sumner Parker Pound Keeper Edward Bliss

John C. Spring, Seal & Leather Augustus Wheeler

Recorded

By, Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk



Warrant for Town Meeting Oct-21 1849  
Cambridge

To Henry Hutton Constable of the  
Town of Brimfield Greeting

In the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are  
directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town  
of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections  
and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall  
in said Brimfield on Thursday the twenty  
first day of Oct inst at two o'clock in the  
afternoon to act on the following articles viz;

First To choose a Moderator to preside at the meeting

Second To see whether the town will repair the road  
leading from David Parkers to Monson line,  
and the Blodget road so called, on their present  
location, or petition the County Commissioners  
for an alteration of either or both, And choose  
such committees and agents as may be necessary  
to carry the votes passed into effect

Third To see if the town will take any measures  
to relieve the contractors for the repair of highways  
from the burdens caused by the late frost

Fourth To choose any agents or committees the  
business of the town may require

And you  
are directed to serve this warrant by posting  
up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and  
Post Office, and by mailing copies to the Post Offices  
in the East and West parts of the town seven days  
at least before the time of holding said  
meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due  
return of this warrant with your doings thereon  
to the Town Clerk at the time & place of meeting,

Given under our hands this thirtieth day of October  
in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred & sixty nine  
Abraham Charles } Selectman  
S. W. Brown }  
Brimfield  
Massachusetts October 21<sup>st</sup> 1869

I have served the within warrant  
by posting an attested copy thereof at the Town Hall  
and at the Post Office, and by mailing copies to the  
Post Offices in the East and West Parts of the town  
as therein directed

Cheney Newton, Constable of Brimfield  
A true copy of the warrant

And Constables return shown  
Attest

Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk

Town Meeting October 21<sup>st</sup> 1869

The Inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified  
to vote in Elections and in Town affairs met  
at the Town Hall in Brimfield in obedience to  
the foregoing warrant, the meeting was called  
to order and warrant read by the Town Clerk

A motion  
was made to choose a Moderator by nomination  
but failing to receive a majority of votes it was  
declared not to be a vote

It was then voted to  
choose a Moderator by ballot

And the votes were  
received for the same, Cheney Newton had  
Seventeen votes all that were cast, and he was  
declared Elected, and he accepted of the office

Voted

That a committee of five be chosen to examine  
the road from David Parkes to Benson line  
and report to the town at the Annual Meeting  
Nov 2<sup>o</sup> 1869.

Darius Shaw, Olam Ferry,  
Sumner Parker, George Dunham & Jeremiah Parker  
Committee



Voted That the Selectmen be a committee to examine the Budget road and report at the same meeting,

Voted That a committee of three be chosen who are hereby authorised to receive and examine into the merits of any application from the contractors for the Repair of Highways, for relief from the burdens imposed upon them by the late frost and report to the town at some future meeting whether any action on the part of the town is called for and necessary

Voted That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to nominate the aforesaid committee  
 Henry Newton, W<sup>m</sup> H. Sherman & Benjamin B. Fenton were so appointed

Who reported for said Committee Newton S. Hubbard, Jas. H. Buxton and Warren F. Tarbell and they were chosen by the town

It was then voted that this meeting be dissolved and the same was carried into effect

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
 Town Clerk

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Hampton

To Cheney Newton one of the Constables  
of the town of Brimfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn  
the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in elections  
to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on  
Tuesday the second day of November next at one  
O'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following  
articles viz:

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting,

Second To see if the Town will accept the doings of the  
Selectmen in laying out a Road on petition  
of John Works and others

Third To see whether the town will repair the road  
leading from David Parkers to Monson line,  
and the Blodgett road so called, on their present  
location, or petition the County Commissioners  
for an alteration of either or both

Fourth To hear and act on the report of any committee  
or agents heretofore chosen by the town, and  
choose any committee or agents the business  
of the town may require

And you are directed  
to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies  
thereof at the Town Hall and Post Office, and  
mailing attested copies to the Post Offices in  
the East and West parts of Brimfield seven  
days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof  
fail not and make due return of this warrant  
with your doings hereon to the Town Clerk at the  
time and place of meeting

Given under our hands

this 21st day of October in the year 1869

Abraham Charles Selectman  
S. W. Brown 3, Brimfield

Hampton  
the within warrant as therein directed

Cheney Newton, Constable

A true copy of the warrant and Constables return  
Huron  
Attest. Henry J. Brown, Town Clerk



On Tuesday November 2<sup>d</sup> A.D. 1869 at one o'clock in the afternoon the voters of Brainfield met at the Town Hall in obedience to the foregoing Warrant which was read by the Town Clerk and it was voted to elect a Moderator by a nomination from the meeting, Francis C. Cook was nominated and duly elected.

The report of the Selectmen locating a road on the petition of John H. Weeks and others was then read and a motion was made to accept the report but the motion failed to receive a majority of those voting thereon and it was declared not a vote

Voted That the Selectmen be directed to cause the road from the house of Lewis Nash to Monson line to be repaired on its present location, and that the repair of the road leading from David Parkers to Parkers Mill be postponed for the present.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to repair the Blodgett road so called on its original location.

The Committee appointed, at the Town Meeting held Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 1869, to receive and examine into the merits of any applications, from the contractors for the Repair of Highways, for relief from the damage caused by the late freshet made a verbal report stating what damage had been done on the roads they had received applications to examine, when on motion of Paul W. Paige it was

Voted That it is the sense of the <sup>town</sup> to relieve the contractors for the Repair of Highways from the damage caused by the late freshet  
Sixty six voting in the Aff  
Four voting in the Neg

On motion of  
of Joseph L. Woods it was  
voted

Voted That the road committee be requested <sup>report to</sup> some future meeting what sums in their opinion ought to be paid to the road contractors to relieve them from excessive loss, and that the committee be directed to obtain counsel they may think necessary, and to call for advice from the road commissioners.

Voted That the meeting for the transaction of town business be dissolved.

And the same was done  
Attest  
Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

### Warrant for November Meeting Hampden ss

To Cheney Norton one of the Constables  
of the town of Brimfield Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Tuesday the second day of November next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and at 10½ o'clock to bring in their votes for Governor, Lieut Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, Also for Councillor for Dist N<sup>o</sup> 8, For Senator for East Hampden Dist, For Representative in General Court for Dist N<sup>o</sup> 1 Hampden County, For one County Commissioner for Hampden County. All on one ballot.

The Selectmen designate  
Three o'clock P.M. as the of closing the Polls

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and Post Office and by mailing attested copies to the



Post Offices in the East and West parts of the town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of his warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands this 21st day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred sixty nine

Abraham Charles } Selectmen  
S. W. Brown } Brimfield

Cambridge

Nov 2<sup>d</sup> 1869

I have served the within by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and Post Office and by mailing copies to the Post Offices in the East and West parts of the town as therein directed

Cheney Newton

Constable of Brimfield

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections met at the Town Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday Nov 2<sup>d</sup> A.D. 1869 at 10 o'clock A.M. after the reading of the Warrant by Abraham Charles Chairman of the Selectmen the Polls at 10½ o'clock were opened and the votes received for the Offices specified in the warrant, and were kept open until three o'clock in the afternoon, when in accordance with a vote of the town the Polls were closed and the votes were sorted, counted and declared in open Town Meeting and were as follows

For Governor

William Claflin of Newton had Seventy five votes  
John Quincy Adams of Quincy had Ninety five votes

For Lieutenant Governor Joseph Warner of Lenox had One hundred and Six votes  
Samuel C. Lamb of Greenfield had Sixty eight votes

For Secretary of State Oliver Warner of Northampton had One hundred and six votes  
John H. Tarbox of Lawrence had Sixty eight votes

For Treasurer Jacob H. Lord of Plymouth had Seventy nine votes  
Levi Heywood of Gardner had Ninety five votes

For Auditor of Accounts Charles Endicott of Canton had Seventy nine votes  
Phineas Allen of Pittsfield had Ninety five votes

For Attorney General Charles Allen of Boston had One hundred & six votes  
Josiah G. Abbot of Boston had Sixty eight votes

For Councilor Sylvander Johnson of Adams had Seventy nine votes  
District N<sup>o</sup> 8 Washington M. Bood of Pittsfield had Ninety five votes

For County Commissioner William M. Lewis of Blandford had Eighty votes  
E. E. Bodorsha of Agawam had Ninety four votes

For Senator Charles B. Ladd of Springfield had Seventy six votes  
Easton Hampton Hugh Donnelly of Springfield had Ninety three votes

For Representative Samuel W. Brown of Brimfield had One hundred & two votes  
General Court Rodrick O. Fenton of Monson had Fifty seven votes  
Cheney Newton of Brimfield had Seven votes  
Rodney O. Fenton of Monson had one vote

After the public declaration of the foregoing votes the meeting was adjourned to the Selectmen's room where after making out, signing and sealing up the returns of the foregoing votes the meeting was dissolved.

A true record

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



At a meeting of the Town Clerks of Representative District N<sup>o</sup> One in Hampshire County held at the Selectmens Room in Brimfield on Wednesday the third day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty nine at NOON for the purpose of examining the returns of votes cast in the several towns in said District for Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts

The whole number of votes returned was Six Hundred and Twenty, and were for the following persons viz;

For Samuel W. Brown of Brimfield Three Hundred and Twenty six votes

For Rodrick O. Fenton of Monson Two Hundred and Eighty seven votes

For Cheney Newton of Brimfield seven votes

Samuel W. Brown of Brimfield having a plurality of the votes cast was declared elected

Henry F. Brown Town Clerk of Brimfield  
 C. E. Towne " " " Monson  
 F. E. Kenney " " " Holland  
 G. S. Rodgers " " " Wales

#### Vote of the several Towns

	For Samuel W. Brown	For Rodrick O. Fenton	For Cheney Newton
Brimfield	102	58	7
Monson	154	162	
Wales	36	43	
Holland	34	24	
	326	287	7

Recorded by  
 Henry F. Brown  
 P Town Clerk

Hampshire ss. To Henry Norton Constable of the town  
of Brimfield, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants  
of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections to meet at  
the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the  
sixth day of December next at two o'clock in  
the afternoon to act on the following articles viz;

- First To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting
- Second To fill any vacancies that may exist in the board  
of Selectmen
- Third To see what action the town will take in regard  
to filling what was washed out near Foshet's Mills
- Fourth To choose any agents or committees the business  
of the town may require

And you are directed

to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies  
thereof at the Town Hall and Post Office and by  
mailing attested copies to the Post Offices in the  
East and West parts of the town seven days at  
least before the time of holding said meeting

Which

fail not and make due return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the  
time and place aforesaid

Given under our hands

this twenty fourth day of November in the year  
One Thousand eight hundred and sixty nine

Abraham Charles } Selectmen  
S. W. Brown } Brimfield

Hampshire ss Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1869

I have served the within  
Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the  
Town Hall and Post Office and by mailing attested  
copies to the Post Offices in the East and West parts of  
the town as therein directed  
Henry Norton Constable of Brimfield



Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections met at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the sixth day of December at the time specified in the Warrant, after the reading of the Warrant by the Town Clerk the votes were received for a Moderator, whole number of votes eighteen Samuel W. Brown had fourteen votes and was declared Elected

The Town Clerk then read a communication he had received from Samuel W. Brown resigning the office of Selectman

And on motion of W. F. Robinson his resignation was accepted

And it was voted to proceed to choose a Selectman to fill the vacancy

Whole number of votes was thirty George Bacon having that number was declared Elected, and duly sworn

Voted That the matter of filling up what was washed out near Fosket's Mills be left to the Selectmen to take such action as they think best for the interest of the town

Voted That a Committee of one be chosen to consult counsel upon the question whether Ephraim Fenton by removing his family to the town of Monson to reside for a few months has thereby vacated the office of Selectman, and Sumner Parker was chosen said committee

Voted To adjourn for one week to meet at two o'clock P. M.

And

The meeting was so adjourned

Monday December 13<sup>th</sup> 1869 the meeting met pursuant to adjournment - a communication was read by the Town Clerk which he had received from Henry Davis upon wherein he expressed the opinion that Mr. Fenton having left town only for a temporary purpose he had not hereby vacated his office of Selectman.

It was then voted to dissolve the meeting and it was so done.

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

This is to certify that we the Selectmen of Brimfield<sup>did</sup> in conjunction with the Selectmen of Brookfield, Sturbridge, Holden, Haver, Wales and Monson on the eighteenth, twenty seventh, twenty eighth, twenty ninth and thirtieth days of September, and first day of October 1869, remark, visit and examine all the monuments between Brimfield and the above named towns.

Dated at

Brimfield this twenty fourth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine

S. W. Brown } Selectmen  
Abraham Charles }  
Ephraim Fenton } of  
Brimfield

Recorded from the original

By

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



Hampden ss

To Henry Newton Constable of the town of Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> inst at one o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles viz

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting,

Second To see what action the town will take in regard to repairing the road from near the house of David Parker to the house of Amos Walker Also to transact any business relating to said road by choosing Committees or Agents as the town may think proper

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting <sup>up</sup> an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office also mail one to the Post Office in East Brimfield and one to the Post Office in the West part of the town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

And if fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time for holding said meeting

Given under our hands

This eighth day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy

Attest Charles } Selectman  
Ephraim Weston } Brimfield

Hampden ss

Brimfield Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1870

I have served the within warrant as therein directed

Henry Newton  
Constable of Brimfield

30  
Town Meeting Feb<sup>y</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1870

The Inhabitants of Brimfield met and in pursuance to the requirements of the foregoing warrant, which was read by Town Clerk, when it was voted to choose a Moderator by ballot, whole number of votes received fifteen, Francis E. Cook had twelve and was declared Elected

A. L. Converse moved that the town forthwith take measures to rebuild the Bridge and repair the road near the house of Anson Wether, but the motion not being supported by a majority of those voting thereon it was declared not a vote

Voted That a committee be chosen to examine the road between David Parker's and Anson Wether's and report to the town at the Annual March meeting how the same should be repaired, and what will be the probable expense

Voted That the committee consist of five, and that they be nominated by a committee of three to be appointed by the Moderator, who appointed S. W. Brown, Elam Ferry, and A. L. Converse, who nominated for said committee James T. Brown, Francis J. Lincoln, Elam Ferry, Sumner Parker and Ephraim Fenton and they were chosen by the town

The meeting was then in accordance with a vote to that effect, dissolved

A true copy of the warrant and record of the proceedings of the town thereon

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



Hampden St

To Henry Newton Constable of the town  
of Brimfield Greeting,  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants  
of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections and  
in Town affairs to meet at the Hall of the first Congregational  
in said Brimfield on Monday the Fourteenth day of  
March inst at Ten o'clock in the forenoon. Then and  
there to act on the following articles viz;

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Second To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing
- Third To hear reports of the Selectmen, School Committee  
and Agents and Committees heretofore chosen by  
the town and act on the same
- Fourth To raise money for the support of Schools for  
the ensuing year and direct how the same shall  
be expended
- Fifth To such sums of money as may be necessary  
to pay part or the whole of the debts of the Town, and  
defray the expenses of the Town for the current year
- Sixth To see if the Town will authorise their Treasurer  
to borrow money to pay Town debts or defray town expenses
- Seventh To see if the Town will accept of the Selectmen's <sup>report</sup>  
revising the list of jurors
- Eighth To see what disposition the Town will make of  
their share of money due on the Dog Tax
- Ninth To see if the Town will authorise the Collector of Taxes  
to use all means for Collecting the Taxes which a Town  
Treasurer when appointed collector, may use

- Tenth To see what plan the Town will adopt to repair their highway and also, to see if the Town will vote to annul the contract now in existence for repairing roads.
- Eleventh To see if the Town will vote to build a School House in the neighborhood of George & James Dunkham, and if so take such measures as will be necessary to carry the same into effect.
- Twelfth To choose any agents or Committees the business of the Town may require.
- Thirteenth To see if the Town will take any measures to prevent the road leading from the street to the Three Bridges from blocking up with snow, by causing the fences to be removed or otherwise.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up two attested copies of the same, one at the Hall above named, and one at the Post Office in the center of the Town, also by sending an attested copy of the same to each of the Post Offices in Town, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Whereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands  
this first day of March in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy

Abraham Charles, Selectmen  
Ephraim Fenton } of  
George Bacon } Brimfield  
Brimfield March 14<sup>th</sup> 1870

Hamphire ss

I have served the within warrant by posting up two attested copies of the same, one at the Hall of the First Congregational Society in Brimfield and one at the Post Office in the center of the town and by sending an attested copy to each of the Post Offices in said town as within directed.

Cheney Newton,

A true copy

Attest, Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

Constable of Brimfield



March 14<sup>th</sup> 1870 the inhabitants of Brimfield assembled in obedience to the foregoing warrant and at ten o'clock and fifty five minutes A.M. were called to order by Henry F. Brown Town Clerk. The Warrant was read, when on motion it was voted to proceed to the choice of a Moderator, and the vote was for Samuel W. Brown, thirty five votes, for Francis D. Lincoln twelve votes, and Henry F. Brown one vote, Samuel W. Brown was declared Elected.

Who accepted the office, and invited Dea Paul W. Paige to invoke the Divine blessing upon the proceedings of the meeting.

Voted

To choose three Selectmen upon separate ballots.

At the first Ballot the whole number of votes was ninety one. George Bacon had seventy votes, Ephraim Fenton had seventeen votes, and James B. Brown, John W. Lawrence Henry F. Brown, Sumner Parker one vote each, George Bacon was declared Elected.

At the Second Ballot

The whole number of votes was Eighty one and were for Francis E. Cook fifty five votes, for John W. Lawrence Eleven votes, for Sumner Parker nine votes, for Ephraim Fenton, three votes for Nathan M. Goodell, Two votes, for Newton S. Hubbard and Charles M. Hyde one vote each, F. E. Cook was declared Elected.

At the third Ballot The whole number of votes was One Hundred and Ten and were for Sumner Parker Fifty six votes, for John W. Lawrence Forty nine votes, for Ephraim Fenton and Nathan M. Goodell Two votes each, for A. F. Converse one vote, Sumner Parker was declared Elected.

Previous to the Election of Selectmen it was voted to proceed to the election of a Town Clerk and the votes were received for the same Henry F. Brown had Forty six votes and George M. Hitchcock had thirty four votes. Henry F. Brown was declared Elected.

Voted To choose a School Committee for three years, and the votes were received for the same and were as follows, for Francis D. Lincoln Sixty nine votes, for Ephraim Fenton Twelve votes for Sumner Parker Two votes, for Newton S. Hubbard one vote, Francis D. Lincoln was declared Elected

Voted To choose three Assessors on separate Ballots. At the first Ballot, the whole number of votes was Sixty seven Herman S. Powers had one vote, Warren F. Tarbell had Sixty six votes and was declared Elected

At the Second Ballot, the whole number of votes was Eighty one all for Jarvis Shaw and he was declared Elected

At the Third Ballot, The whole number of votes was Eighty one, Ephraim Fenton had three votes, and John W. Lawrence had Seventy eight votes and was declared Elected

The votes were then received for Town Treasurer, whole number of votes, Seventy three, Elijah Allen had one vote, Alfred L. Converse had Seventy ~~two~~ votes and was declared Elected

Voted To choose Two Constables, on separate Ballots. At the First Ballot; The whole number of votes was thirty seven, Joseph C. Hunter had two votes Chenz Newton and Edward Bliss had one vote each and Elijah Allen had Thirty three votes and was declared Elected

At the Second Ballot, The whole number of Ballots was Thirt one, of which Samuel W. Brown had one vote Joseph C. Hunter had four votes, and Edward Bliss had Twenty six votes and was declared Elected

Voted To Elect three Fence Viewers all on one Ballot, whole number of ballots received nine, and were as follows;  
For John W. Browning nine votes  
" Joseph C. Hunter nine votes  
" Lauphin Brown nine votes  
And they were declared Elected Fence Viewers



The votes were then received for a Collector of taxes  
Henry F. Brown had Forty five votes all that were cast  
and he was declared Elected

Voted To Elect the following Officers by Nomination from  
the Meeting and Edward Bliss was chosen as  
Pound Keeper

Voted To choose five Surveyors of Lumber and Charles C.  
Brown, Thomas J. Morgan, Norman S. Lowry,  
Edwin A. James and Rufus Fosket were chosen —  
Edwin A. James asked to be excused from serving his  
request was granted and Jarvis Shaw was chosen in  
his place but declining to serve he was excused and  
David W. James was chosen

Voted To choose Three Measurers of Wood and Bark  
and James T. Brown, George M. Hitchcock and Charles  
W. Fosket were chosen, James T. Brown asked  
to be excused and his request was granted, Henry  
F. Brown was then chosen and excused at his  
request, Sumner Parker was then chosen

Voted To choose Two Field Drivers and Francis E. Cook  
and Newton S. Hubbard were chosen

Augustus Wheeler was then chosen Clerk of Leather

Voted To act on the Fourth Article in the Warrant

Voted To raise and appropriate Eighteen Hundred  
Dollars for the support of Schools for the ensuing  
year, and that the same be expended for the  
wages and board of Teachers and for fuel

Voted To act on the Eighth article in the Warrant

Voted To add the amount the Town receives from  
the Dog Fund to the sum appropriated for the  
support of Schools

Voted To act on the 7<sup>th</sup> article in the Warrant

The Report of the

Selectmen revising the list of jurors was then read, and it was

Voted That the same be referred to the Selectmen, <sup>for revision</sup> with the request of Alfred S. Converse and James Converse to have their names taken from the List

Voted To act on matters embraced in the Third Article in the Warrant

And

the Committee chosen at the Meeting held Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 1890 to examine the road between the houses of David Parker and Anson Walther and report to this meeting how the same should be repaired, submitted a written report of their opinion as to the way the Bridges should be built and road repaired, with specifications for the same, and it was then

Voted That the aforesaid Committee be authorized and they are hereby empowered to contract for and superintend the construction of the Wood Bridge, Stone Sluice, and repair of the Monson road between the houses of David Parker and Anson Walther the same to be done in the manner specified and recommended in their report,

Should either

member of the Committee, contract for or be interested in the contract for the aforesaid work, his connection with said Committee shall thereby be dissolved, and the remainder of the Committee shall perform said duties

Voted That when this meeting adjourns it shall be adjourned to meet on Monday the fourth day of April next at one o'clock P.M.

Voted That the aforesaid Committee contract the Bridge near Anson Walther's to be completed on or before May first



The Eleventh Article being under consideration it was voted, that a Committee of three be chosen and that they be directed to investigate into the necessity of building a School House near the residence of George and James Dunham, also examine School House No 4 and report to the town at the adjourned meeting what action is required, and Elam Furg, Henry F. Brown and Francis D. Lincoln were chosen this Committee, Elam Furg asked to be excused and his request was granted, and George Dunham was chosen in his place.

Voted - That this meeting now adjourn, and the vote was carried out.

Recorded

By Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

Adjourned Town Meeting April 4<sup>th</sup> 1870

The Inhabitants of Buringfield assembled pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator S. W. Brown not being present it was voted to choose a Moderator Protem, and the votes received for the same, Francis D. Lincoln had seventeen votes, Newton S. Hubbard had one vote. Francis D. Lincoln was declared Elected.

Samuel Parker has resigned the office of Selectman to which he was chosen March 17<sup>th</sup> 1870 and asked the town to excuse him from further service in that capacity, and his request was granted, and it was

Voted

That the Election to fill the vacancy in the Board of Selectmen be assigned to 6 o'clock this P.M.

The report of the Committee to settle with the Treasurer and Assessors of the Poor was then read and accepted.

The Committee chosen October 21st 1869 and authorized to receive and examine into the merit of such applications as may be presented to them by any of the bondholders in repair of highways, for relief from the burden imposed upon them by the Freshet, submitted their report of the facts of the several applications they had been asked to examine

Voted To accept the report and that the Committee be discharged

Voted To reconsider the above vote

Voted That the report be committed to the same Committee with instructions to report to the town, in accordance with the vote passed Nov 2 1869, what sum, in their opinion, should be paid to each of the several applicants for relief

The special assignment, the choice of a selectman to fill the vacancy was then called for, the hour having arrived, the votes were then received, and were for the following persons, Newton S. Hubbard had Fifty eight votes, George Dunham had Twenty votes, James B. Brown had fifteen votes and Ephraim Fenton had four votes, Newton S. Hubbard was declared Elected, and sworn

The report of the Selectman revising the list of jurors was then read, Emory Livermore requesting to have his name taken from the list, his request was granted, when the list as amended was adopted by vote of the town

The Committee chosen to examine report to the town upon the propriety and necessity of building a School House near the residence of George and James Dunham — also to examine School House No 4 — reported to the town that they had not been able to come to a conclusion in the matter of the necessity for a School House near the residence of George and James Dunham and asked for further time for consideration which



was granted, in relation to School House No 4 the same committee reported that it should be repaired, that land should be purchased adjoining for a play ground & other purposes and that a privy should be erected there, separate from the School Building that Marcus Hitchcock had expressed a willingness to sell the necessary lands to the town for the above purpose

Voted That this committee be, and are hereby, authorised in the name and behalf of the town to purchase of Marcus Hitchcock, land sufficient for the needs of School House No 4. Erect a privy thereon, and make such repairs on the School House & wood shed connected therewith as they find to be expedient and necessary

Voted The ninth article being under consideration it was voted that the collector be authorised to use all means for collecting the Taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector

Voted That the Town Treasurer be authorised to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town debts and current expenses

Voted That the Selectmen be directed to petition the County Commissioners to discontinue the old County road commencing near the dwelling house of Benjamin B. Fenton and going Easterly to the end thereof

Voted That a committee of three be chosen to confer with the authorities of the town of Putnam in relation to the repair of the "Hins" Bridge, and that the Selectmen be that Committee

The tenth article being under consideration John W. Lawrence moved, "that the Selectmen be authorized and directed to purchase a good yoke of Oxen and suitable and proper tools for the repair of the highways, not under contract, and hire a suitable person for foreman and such other help as may be necessary for the proper repair of said highways, the work to be done under the direction of the Selectmen, this motion was not adopted."

Voted

That the Town Agent be, and is, hereby directed to <sup>the roads</sup> not now under contract, to the lowest bidder at auction, subject to the approval of the road committee, the contract and repairs to be in accordance with the vote of the town passed March 11<sup>th</sup> 1867 and amendments thereof.

Sumner Parker moved that any contractor who so desires, be allowed to surrender his contract for the repair of highways provided they avail themselves of this privilege within ten days - not adopted.

The committee chosen to examine into the merits of the applications of Road Contractors for relief from the damage caused by the freshet made their report, recommending that the town pay Charles Colby's Two Hundred Dollars when his road is put in good repair, Sumner Parker Forty Dollars, John C. Spring Thirty Dollars, and Michael Rooney Twenty five Dollars.

Voted

To act on each application separately, and it was so done and the report of the Committee adopted and the amounts there recommended ordered paid.

Henry F. Brown, Foster A. Parker and George Durham were chosen a committee to settle with the Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor.



Noted To raise Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and that the same be appropriated as follows viz:

For support of Paupers	One Thousand Dollars	\$1000
" repair Roads	Fifteen Hundred	1500
" " Bridges & bearing roads	3	
" " of Snow	Five Hundred Dollars	500
" pay of Town Officer	Three hundred Dollars	300
" repair Town Road	Ten Hundred & Fifty Dollars	1050
" relief benevolent	Two hundred & ninety five Dollars	295
" repair of School Houses	Three Hundred Dollars	300
" Interest	Six Hundred & Fifty Dollars	650
" Discount on Taxes	Five Hundred & Fifty Dollars	550
" Miscellaneous Expenses	Five Hundred Dollars	500
" payment Town Debt	Nine Hundred & five Dollars	905
		<u>\$7500</u>

Noted That the compensation of the collector of Taxes be the same as last year (see page 54) and that he have the same privileges and be subject to the same conditions and restrictions as therein set forth and referred to

Recorded by  
 Henry F. Brown  
 Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting May 14<sup>th</sup> 1870  
 Hampden ss  
 To Elijah Allen, Constable of the town  
 of Brimfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth  
 of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify  
 and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Brimfield  
 qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs  
 to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Saturday  
 the 14<sup>th</sup> inst at one o'clock in the afternoon  
 and there to act on the following Articles viz

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Second To see if the Town will take any measures to  
 terminate the several contracts for the repair of  
 Highways and Bridges, or allow any contractor who  
 so desires to terminate his contract
- Third To see if the town will rescind, alter or amend  
 the votes of the town passed March 11<sup>th</sup> 1867, and  
 amendments thereof, in relation to repairing the  
 Highways and Bridges in town by contract
- Fourth To see if the Town will let out the repairing of  
 Highways and Bridges not under contract to the  
 lowest bidder, by auction at this meeting
- Fifth To see what method the town will adopt to repair  
 the Highways and Bridges not under contract, and  
 those where the contracts may be terminated or  
 contractors neglect or refuse to fulfil their agreements
- Sixth To see what action the town will take in relation  
 to those who have contracted to repair certain  
 sections, of Highways and Bridges and neglect  
 or refuse to fulfil their agreements
- Seventh To choose all necessary Town Officers not chosen



at the annual meeting, and to fill any vacancies in Town Officers that may then exist

Eighth

To see if the Town will discontinue the Town Way leading from near School House N<sup>o</sup> 9 Easterly to the end thereof at the foot of "Sham Hill"

Ninth

To see if the town will accept and adopt the doings of the Selectmen in laying out a Town Road on the petition of Lewis Blackmer and others, leading from the old road from Springfield to Scotland and intersecting with the road from Wales to East-Brimfield.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall, one at the Post Office in the center of the town. Mail one to the Post Office in East-Brimfield and send or carry one to the Mill of Rufus Forket seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place appointed for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventh day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy

George Bacon } Selectmen  
F. C. Cook } of Brimfield

Brimfield May 14<sup>th</sup> 1870

I hereby certify that I have served the within warrant, by mailing one copy to East-Brimfield, sending one to Forketts Mills and one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall attested copies seven days before the time of holding said meeting as within directed

Elijah Allen,

Constable of the town of Brimfield

A true copy of the  
Warrant & Constables  
return thereon

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

Brimfield May 14<sup>th</sup> 1870. The Inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs met at the Town Hall in pursuance of the requirements of the foregoing Warrant, after the reading of the Warrant the votes were received for a Moderator, whole number of votes two to four Samuel W. Brown had one vote, and Francis D. Lincoln having twenty three was declared Elected

Voted To act on the eighth article in the Warrant, and a motion was made to discontinue the road therein specified but it failed of receiving a majority of those voting thereon and was declared not a vote

Voted To act on the 9<sup>th</sup> Article in the warrant, and the report of the Selectmen laying out a road on the petition of Lewis Blackmer and others was accepted and adopted

Voted To act on the second Article in the Warrant— And it was

Voted To allow all Contractors who desire so to do, the privilege to terminate their contracts, for the repair of Highways and Bridges, provided they so decide and report to this meeting

And the following named contractors reported to the town their wish to terminate their contracts viz;

Darius Shaw, Sumner Parker, Abraham Charles Calvin Baker, John C. Spring, Albert C. Pratt

Voted That Michael Rooney with whom the town have a like contract, but who is not present, be allowed a like privilege, if he reports to the Town Clerk on or before next Monday his wish so to do

Voted To pass over the fourth Article in the Warrant

A motion was made to leave the repair of the roads not under contract in the care of W<sup>m</sup> H. Shumman Road Agent, but it was not carried



It was moved that the repair of those roads be left in the charge of the Selectmen and Road Agent, but it was not carried

Voted.

That eight persons be chosen to act with the Road Agent W<sup>m</sup> H. Sherman in repairing or causing to be repaired the roads not under contract and the following were chosen viz: Jonathan Emerson, Moses H. Baker, George Dunham, John W. Lawrence, Norman S. Pows, David Parker, John C. Spring and Darius Shaw

The meeting was then in accordance with a vote therefore dissolved

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown

Town Clerk

Town Officers for 1870

All of whom, an oath of office is, by law required, having been duly sworn

Town Clerk	Henry F. Brown	Surveyors	Charles C. Brown
			Thos J. Morgan
	George Bacon	Lumber	Norman S. Powers
Selectman	Francis E. Cook		
	Newton S. Hubbard	Surveyors	Charles W. Fosket
		of Wood	Sumner Parker
	Warren F. Tarbell		
Assessors	Darius Shaw	Field Drivers	Francis E. Cook
	John W. Lawrence		Newton S. Hubbard
Treasurer	Alfred L. Converse		William B. Sherman
			Jonathan Emerson
Collector	Henry F. Brown		Moses B. Baker
		Road	George Dunham
School Com for 3 yrs	Francis D. Lincoln		John W. Lawrence
		Agents	Norman S. Powers
Constables	Elijah Allen		David Parker
	Edward Bliss		John C. Spring
			Darius Shaw
	John W. Browning		
Fire viewers	Joseph C. Hunter	Pound Keeper	Edward Bliss
	Lauphin Brown		
		Sealer of Leather	Augustus Wheeler
Committee	Henry F. Brown		
on	Porter A. Parker	Committee	Henry F. Brown
Accounts	George Dunham	on	Francis D. Lincoln
		School Houses	George Dunham

Recorded

By Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



Warrant for Meeting, A. D. 1870  
 Cambridge

To Edward Bliss Constable of the town  
 of Brimfield Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth  
 of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify  
 and warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield  
 qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs  
 to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield  
 on Friday the twenty third 23<sup>d</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup> inst  
 at one o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles  
 viz:

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Second To see if the Town will subscribe for shares of  
 the capital stock or securities of the Southbridge  
 and Palmer Rail Road, to an amount not  
 exceeding five per centum of its valuation  
 under the provisions of Stat of 1870 Chap 405  
 and if so, pass all votes necessary to carry the  
 same into effect
- Third To see if the Town will choose one or more  
 persons as agents to represent the Town at any  
 and all meetings of said Corporation
- Fourth To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen,  
 and, Also, choose any Committee the business of  
 the town may require
- Fifth To see if the Town will vote to discontinue that  
 part of the old road leading to Holland, South of the  
 lock, in a South Easterly direction from the house  
 of John Works to Holland line

And you are directed to  
 serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy  
 of the same at the Town Hall, and one at  
 the Post Mill of Rufus Fosket, also mail  
 one to the Post-master at East Brimfield  
 seven days at least before the time for holding

said meeting, Hereof fail not and make due return  
of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town  
Clerk at the time and place of meeting

Given under  
our hands this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 1870

George Bacon, Selectman  
Newton S. Hubbard of  
F. E. Cook Brimfield

Cambridge Sept 23<sup>d</sup> 1870

I hereby certify that I have served  
the within warrant as therein directed, also posted  
up an attested copy at the Brimfield Post Office

E. W. Bliss

Constable, Town Brimfield

Brimfield Sept 23<sup>d</sup> 1870

The Inhabitants of Brimfield  
qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs  
met at the time and place specified in the  
foregoing Warrant, after the reading of the warrant  
by the Town Clerk, the votes were received for a  
Moderator, and were for the following persons,  
for F. D. Lincoln, three votes, for S. W. Thorne  
five votes, for E. Fenton one vote, for Paul W. Paige  
thirty seven votes and he was declared Elected—

Francis D. Lincoln then offered the following  
motion and moved that it be adopted by the town—

Voted

That the Treasurer of the Town be, and is, hereby  
authorized and directed in the name and behalf  
of the town to subscribe for three hundred and  
thirty eight (338) shares of the Capital Stock of the  
Southbridge and Palmer, Rail Road Company  
of the par value of One Hundred Dollars each—  
Amounting in the aggregate to thirty three  
thousand, eight hundred dollars, and pay  
for the same to the Treasurer of said Rail Road  
Company, in such proportions and at such times  
as the same may be called for, by vote of the



Director of said Corporation - Provided that no amount exceeding one per cent of the sum subscribed for under this vote shall be paid unless Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) of the Capital Stock of said Road shall have been subscribed for within three years from this date and such contracts made as will secure the construction of the road from Southbridge to Palmer.

Voted

To invite James B. Allen to address the meeting and set forth the claims of the proposed Rail Road for aid from the several towns along the route of the same.

When the vote was taken upon the motion offered by Mr Lincoln the Moderator informed the voters it would be done by written votes those voting <sup>for</sup> it, voting Yes those opposed voting No, and that each persons name would be checked on the voting list as he voted, the votes were then received, sorted counted, and declared as follows viz;

That One hundred and thirty had voted Yes  
and Thirty four had voted No

And it appearing that two thirds of all those present and voting thereon had voted for the adoption of the motion it was declared a vote to adopt the same, and subscribe for the stock as proposed.

A motion was made to elect three persons to represent the town at any and all meetings of said Rail Road Corporation. This was not adopted and it was

Voted

To choose one person to represent the town at such meetings, also that the Moderator appoint a committee of three to nominate such person, and be appointed such

a committee, who reported the name of Francis J. Lincoln, and he was chosen as the Agent to represent the town at any and all meetings of the Southbridge and Palmer Rail Road Corporation.

The Selectmen reported that Richard Gardner of Hales had commenced an action against the town for damages, alleged to have been received by him on account of defective highway in Brimfield, and it was

Voted To choose a committee of three, who are hereby authorized in the name and behalf of the town, after an investigation of the case, to take such measures to defend the town or settle the case as they <sup>think</sup> the case and interest of the town requires.

Also that the Selectmen be a committee to nominate said committee, and they <sup>reported</sup> Henry E. Brown, Thomas J. Morgan and Warren F. Farbell as suitable persons for said committee, and they were chosen.

Voted Francis E. Cook be added to said committee.

Voted To discontinue the road described in Article fifth.

Voted That this meeting be dissolved.

And the vote was carried out and the meeting dissolved.

Recorded

By

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



*Memorandum*

To Elijah Allen Constable of the town  
of Brimfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts you are hereby required to  
notify and cause the Inhabitants of the town  
of Brimfield, qualified to vote in Elections and  
in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in  
said Brimfield on Tuesday November eighth  
at ten o'clock A.M. and at half past ten  
o'clock at which time the polls will be opened  
to bring in their votes to the Selectmen, who will  
preside at said meeting, for Governor, Lieutenant  
Governor, Councilor for District No. 8, Secretary,  
Treasurer and Assessors General, Auditor of  
Accounts, Attorney General of the Commonwealth  
Also for Representative to Congress for the Tenth  
Congressional District, Senator for the East  
Hampden Senatorial District, County Treasurer  
for Hampden County, county commissioners  
for three years, and county commissioners for one  
year to fill out the unexpired term of Rand, the  
Stebbins deceased, Also for Representatives to represent  
the first Hampden District in the next General  
Court. All on one Ballot

The Selectmen  
have fixed the time for closing the polls  
at three o'clock P.M.

Also to bring in their votes  
for a Moderator to preside at the meeting for  
the transactions of the following town business  
viz,

First

To see if the town will accept and adopt the  
donors of the Selectmen in laying out some  
alterations and improvements of the highway  
leading from the house of Parsons Allen  
to Holland line, petitioned for by Parsons  
Allen and others

Second To see if the town will accept and adopt the doings of the selectmen in laying out a road on the line of William & Colburn, from the line to the house of John Bradley, on petition of Charles Upham and others

Third To see what measures the town will adopt in relation to paying Jarvis Shaw for building Bridge and repairing Gulf Road - Also to choose any committee as to the business of the town may require and transact any other business that may hereafter come before the meeting

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four certified copies of the same, one at the Town Hall, one at the Post Office in the center of the town, one at the Post Office in the East part of the town, and one at the Mill of Rufus Fosket seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this Twenty Eighth day of October in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy

George Bacon & Selectmen  
F. E. Cook }  
W. S. Hubbard } Brimfield

Hampden ss

Brimfield Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1870

I hereby certify that I have served the within warrant as within directed

Elijah Allen  
Constable

A true copy of the warrant and Constables return thereon

Attest

Henry T. Brown  
Town Clerk



In obedience to the foregoing warrant, the  
 inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in  
 Elections and in Town affairs, and at the Town  
 Hall in said Brimfield on Tuesday November  
 Eighth at 10 o'clock and 35 minutes A.M.  
 Warrant read by George Bacon chairman  
 of the Selectmen and the Polls opened for  
 the reception of votes, for the several officers  
 named in the warrant, and were kept  
 open until three o'clock P.M. when in  
 accordance with a vote of the town they  
 were closed. And the votes, were sorted  
 counted, and declared in open Town Meeting  
 and were as follows:

For Governor William Claflin of Newton had Eighty votes  
 John Lamy Adams of Quincy had Seventy seven votes  
 Wendell Phillips of Boston had nine votes

For Lieut. Governor Joseph Tucker of Lenox had Eighty votes  
 James Chittaway of Springfield had Seventy six votes  
 Henry W. Bishop of Lenox had Two votes  
 Eli Shattuck of Springfield had Seven votes

For Secretary of State Oliver Warner of Northampton had Eighty one votes  
 Luther Stephenson of Bingham had Seventy six votes  
 Stillman B. Pratt of Boston had Two votes  
 George S. Ball of Upton had seven votes

For Treasurer and  
 Receiver General Charles Adams of North Brookfield had Eighty votes  
 Levi Heywood of Gardner had Seventy five votes  
 H. W. Stoddard of N. Bridgewater had Two votes  
 John L. Baker of Beverly had Seven votes

For Auditor Charles Endicott of Canton had Eighty one votes  
 Phineas Allen of Pittsfield had Seventy six votes  
 Edward C. Peabody of Groveland had Two votes  
 Lyman W. Dazzytt of Attleboro had seven votes

- For Attorney General — Charles Allen of Boston had Eighty one votes  
 W<sup>m</sup> W. Manning of Brighton had Seventy five votes  
 Charles Cowley of Lowell had Two votes  
 Whiting Griswold of Greenfield had seven votes
- For Member of Congress — Henry L. Davies of Pittsfield had Eighty four votes  
 Reuben Noble of Westfield had Seventy five votes  
 Henry W. Bowditch of Springfield had Six votes
- For Councilor — Sylvander Johnson of Adams had Eighty one votes  
 Henry W. Bishop of Lenox had Seventy five votes  
 P. L. Buell of Westfield had Nine votes
- For Register of Deeds — James E. Russell of Springfield had One hundred & sixty five votes
- For County Treasurer — M. Wells Bridge of Springfield had One hundred & Sixty five votes
- For County Commissioners for Three Years — George M. Townsley of Springfield had Eighty Two votes  
 Tim Henry of Springfield had Seventy four votes  
 Phineas Steadman of Chicopee had Nine votes
- For County Commissioners for One Year — James S. Loomis of Palmer had Seventy nine votes  
 Charles W. Enos of Chester had Seventy five votes  
 N. G. Corning of Springfield had Two votes  
 Porter Cross of Wilbraham had seven votes
- For Senator — Timothy F. Packard of Monroton had Sixty Six votes  
 Hugh Donnelly of Springfield had Eighty four votes  
 Edward Cooke of Wilbraham had four votes  
 C. M. Lewis of Springfield had Two votes  
 S. Johnson had Two votes  
 F. D. Lincoln of Brimfield had One vote
- For Representative To General Court — George L. Wether of Holland Seventy two votes  
 Irish P. May of Holland had Eighty four votes  
 W<sup>m</sup> A. Wether of Holland had One vote
- Town Business — The Town Clerk asked the attention of the voters to that part of the Warrant relating



to the transaction of Town Business and the votes were received for a Moderator. Whole number of votes. Then Samuel W. Brown had one vote, Francis D. Lincoln had two votes and was declared Elected.

George Baron chairman of the Selectmen, read their report of an attraction in the road from near the house of Parsons Allen, Southbury to Holland line and was

Voted To accept and adopt the report of the Selectmen locating an attraction in the aforesaid road

The Selectmen also made a report of a location of road on the petition of Charles Upham and others and it was

Voted That that the same be recommended to the Selectmen to complete their assessment of damages

After the transaction of the foregoing business and the declaration of the votes aforesaid and voting to pass over without action the Third Article in the warrant in relation to paying Darius Shaw it was

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to the Selectmen room

When after making out, signing and sealing up the return of the foregoing votes the meeting was dissolved

Recorded

By  
Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Town Clerk of Representative District No. One in Hampden County, held at the Selectmens room in Springfield on Wednesday the ninth day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy at Noon for the purpose of examining the returns of votes cast in the several towns in said District, for Representatives to the General Court of Massachusetts

The whole number of votes returned was Six Hundred and Ninety nine and were for the following persons viz: for

George L. Webber of Holland, Three Hundred and fifty three votes

For Amos P. May of Holland Three Hundred & Forty three votes

For W<sup>m</sup> A. Webber of Holland one vote

For C. B. Drake of " one vote

For Harrison Allen " " one vote

George L. Webber of Holland having a plurality of the votes was declared Elected

Henry F. Brown Town Clerk Springfield  
E. P. C. Town Clerk " " Monson  
G. S. Keyes " " Wales  
F. E. Hining " " Holland

### Vote of the several Towns

	G. L. Webber	A. P. May	W <sup>m</sup> A. Webber	C. B. Drake	H. Allen
Springfield	72	84	1	0	0
Monson	180	161	0	0	0
Wales	80	58	0	0	0
Holland	21	40	0	1	1
	353	243	1	1	1

Attest

The Original

By Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



Warrant. March Meeting 1871

Hampden Jr

To either of the Constables of the Town  
of Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants  
of the Town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections  
and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in  
said Brimfield, on Monday the Thirtieth day of  
March next, at ten o'clock A.M. to act on the  
following articles viz;

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Second To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year  
ensuing
- Third To hear Reports of any Committees or agents  
heretofore chosen by the town, and act on  
the same
- Fourth To see if the Town will vote to build a school  
house, in place of one that was burned two years  
ago, and if so, adopt such measures as will  
be necessary to carry the same into effect
- Fifth To see what measures the town will take to  
settle a case now pending between Jarvis  
Shaw and the town
- Sixth To raise money for the support of Schools
- Seventh To raise money for the repair of Highways  
and Bridges, and determine in what manner  
the same shall be expended
- Eighth To raise money for the contingent expenses  
of the Town
- Ninth To see if the Town will authorize their  
Treasurer to borrow <sup>money</sup> to pay town debts and  
contingent expenses

- Tenth To choose such committee and agents, as the business of the Town may require
- Eleventh To see if the Town will appropriate the money due from Dog Fund
- Twelfth To see if the <sup>town</sup> will accept the doings of the Selectmen in revising the list of jurors.
- Thirteenth To see if the town will accept the doings of the Selectmen in laying a road from near the house of W. B. Holdridge to near the house of John Bradley

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting four attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall, one at the Post Office, one at Rice's store at East Brimfield and one at Rufus Fosket's Mill seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Should fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place appointed for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands  
this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year 1871

George Bacon, Selectman  
F. E. Cook                      of  
H. S. Hubbard                3 Brimfield

Hampden Co.

Brimfield March 13<sup>th</sup> 1871

I hereby certify that I have served the within warrant by posting up 4 attested copies of the same, one at the Post Office, one at the Town Hall, one at Rice's store and one at Fosket's mill seven days before the time of holding said meeting, as within directed.

Elijah Allen, Constable

A true copy

of the Town of Brimfield

of the warrant and

Constables return thereon

Attest Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk



Brimfield March 13<sup>th</sup> 1871

The Inhabitants of Brimfield, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, met at the Town Hall in obedience to the requirements of the foregoing, and were called to order by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant, and then the votes were received for a Moderator whole number of votes One Hundred and five, of these Thirty three were for Francis D. Lincoln and Seventy two for Samuel W. Brown who was declared Elected, and who upon assuming the duties of the office, Invited, Rev. M. B. Boardman to invoke the divine blessing.

Town Clerk The votes were then received for a Town Clerk whole number of votes One Hundred and One of these Two were for James B. Brown, Thirteen for George M. Hitchcock and Eighty six for Henry F. Brown who was declared Elected.

Selectman The votes were then received for a Selectman whole number of votes, One Hundred & thirty six of these one was for Samuel W. Brown, Fifty one for Newton S. Hubbard and Eighty-four for James B. Brown who was declared Elected.

Selectman The votes were then received for another Selectman whole number of votes One Hundred & thirty six of these one each were for John W. Lawrence, Daniel Howard, Porter A. Parker, three for Newton S. Hubbard, Thirty five for James S. Blair and ninety five for Phineas F. Spaulding who was declared Elected.

Selectman The votes were then received for a third Selectman whole number of votes One Hundred and twenty three and were one each, for Elisha C. Manton and Daniel Griggs, for Byron W. Charles, Twenty seven, and for John W. Lawrence Ninety four & he was declared Elected.

Adjournment

At this time 12 o'clock and 14 minutes, more it was voted to adjourn for one hour, and the meeting was so adjourned.

At one o'clock and 14 minutes

P.M. the Inhabitants met as per adjournment—  
And

Assessor

The votes were received for an Assessor, the whole number of votes Eighty four all for Warren F. Tarbell and he was declared Elected

Assessor

The votes were then received for another Assessor, whole number of votes One Hundred and twenty eight, of these four were for George Dunham, Fifty eight for David W. James and Sixty six for Darius Shaw who was declared Elected

Assessor

The votes were then received for another Assessor whole number of votes Eighty four, of this number Two were for David W. James, and Eighty two for George Dunham who was declared Elected—

Treasurer

The votes were then received for Town Treasurer, whole number of votes One Hundred & twenty six of this number Byron W. Charles and George Dunham had one each, Samuel W. Brown had twenty five and Alfred L. Converse had Ninety nine and was declared Elected

Collector

The votes were then received for Collector, whole number of votes, Seventy three, of this number Father Amos, A. E. Pierce, Samuel W. Brown and Harvey Russell had one each, Henry F. Brown Twenty two votes, and Warren F. Tarbell had Forty seven votes and was declared Elected

School Committee

The votes were then received for School Committee for three years, whole number of votes Ninety five of this number, M. B. Boardman <sup>had four votes</sup> George Stone & H. S. Mullen had one each, J. L. Woods had thirty six and Samuel W. Brown had Fifty one votes & was declared elected—



George Dunham chosen one of the Assessors requested to be excused from serving in that capacity, and his request was granted.

Assessor

And the votes were then received for an Assessor to fill the vacancy, Whole number of votes twenty six, fourteen of this number were for George S. Allen, and Sixty two for David W. James and he was declared Elected.

School Committee

Samuel W. Brown chosen School Committee for three years, declining to serve in that office.

The votes were then received for a School Committee for three years, whole number of votes thirty eight of these Orus Parker had one, H. S. Hubbard four and Joseph L. Woods thirty-three and he was declared Elected. Mr Woods asked to be excused from serving, but his request was not granted.

Cheney Newton moved to proceed to choose a board of Overseers of the Poor, this motion was not adopted.

It was then on motion of F. D. Lincoln  
Voted To pass over the Second Article for the time being.

Voted That when this meeting adjourn that it adjourn to meet on the first Monday in April next at one o'clock P.M.

Voted To act on the Fifth Article in the Warrant.

Ephraim Fenton moved that the subject embraced in the Fifth Article be left with the Selectmen, but this motion before any action thereon was withdrawn by the mover.

It was moved by E. Fenton, that the Town pay Capt. Shaw the contract price for his

work; provided he enter into a bond to the <sup>town</sup> to guarantee the East Abutment of the Bridge near Anson's Mill for 5 years from the 1st of May last

And this motion was adopted by the town, 32 voting in the Affirmative and 27 voting in the Negative

It was then voted to Adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned to meet the first Monday in April at one o'clock P.M.

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

Adjourned Town Meeting Monday, April 3<sup>d</sup> 1871.

Met pursuant to adjournment meeting called to order by H. F. Brown, Moderator - who requested and the Clerk read a warrant for a meeting called for this day, as follows;  
Cambridge J

To Elijah Allen Constable of the town of Brimfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the 3<sup>d</sup> day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz;

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To raise money for the payment of a part or the whole of the Town Debt

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and each of the two Post Offices, and Foxlets Mill in said Brimfield seven days at least before the time of holding



said meeting, and fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty first day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy one

Jas B. Brown } Selectmen  
P. F. Spaulding } of  
John W. Lawrence, Brimfield

Manuscript for

Brimfield April 3<sup>d</sup> 1871

I hereby certify that I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same one at the Post Office, one at the Town Hall one at Post Office in East Brimfield and one at Foshits Mills, seven days before the time of holding said meeting as within directed

Elijah Allen

Constable

The votes were then received for a Moderator whole number of votes Twenty seven Francis J. Lincoln had two, Samuel W. Brown had Twenty five, and was declared Elected

Noted

That the meeting called under the foregoing warrant, and the one adjourned to this time and place from March 13<sup>th</sup> be merged together and held as one meeting

The meeting then proceeded to the choice of two Constables by ballot, whole number of ballots twenty eight, Elijah Allen had nine votes, Edward Bliss had eight votes, Joseph C. Hunter had nineteen votes and Byron W. Charles had twenty votes and Joseph C. Hunter and Byron W. Charles were declared Elected Byron W. Charles was sworn, and Joseph C. Hunter asked to be excused and his request was granted

The votes were then received for three Fence viewers on one ballot, Whole number of ballots, three—Edward W. Potter and Byron W. Charles had one vote each, John W. Brownier had two votes, Stephen Brown had two votes and Joseph C. Hunter had three votes and the three persons last named were declared Elected. & all sworn

*Noted* To proceed to the choice of a constable in place of Joseph C. Hunter excused, whole number of votes twenty six. Daniel Howard, Alfred L. Converse & George H. Upham had one vote each, Amos Munroe had two votes, Elijah Allen had six votes Francis C. Cook had seven votes and Warren F. Tarbell was declared Elected, and asking to be excused, his request was granted

*Noted* To proceed to another ballot for Constable whole number of votes thirty one, W<sup>m</sup> H. Wyles, Edwin A. Janis, A. L. Converse & Daniel Howard had one vote each, Elijah Allen had five votes, S. B. Gould, three votes, F. C. Cook nine votes and Amos Munroe ten votes, who asking to be excused, his request was granted

Another ballot was held for Constable whole number of ballots fifty seven, W<sup>m</sup> H. Wyles, S. H. Upham had one vote each, A. Charles, one vote S. W. Brown two votes, S. B. Gould nine votes, Elijah Allen twenty one votes, Francis C. Cook twenty two votes and he was declared Elected, but declining to serve was excused  $\frac{1}{2}$  vote of the town

It was then moved to postpone the election of Constable, but it failed of a vote—

Another ballot was then had for Constable, J. C. Walker & Frank Moon had one vote, George Bacon had eight votes Francis D. Lincoln had twenty two votes, Elijah Allen



had thirty nine votes and was declared Elected and duly sworn

The following officers were then Elected by nomination in open meeting viz;

For Surveyors of Lumber  
Thomas J. Morgan, David W. James, Charles H. Foster

For Measurers of Wood & Bark, Amos Munroe & George M. Hitchcock.

For Field Drivers, John Gates & James Hayes.

For Pound Keeper, Elijah Allen  
For Dealer of Leather Augustus Wheeler & soon

The Auditing Committee then read their report of their settlement with the Overseers of the Poor and the Town Treasurer, and statement of the Assets & Liabilities of the town and the same was, by vote of the town, accepted.

Voted That the Financial Report be printed

Voted That the Town Clerk cause 275 copies of the report to be printed for general circulation

Moved That the Valuation and Tax for 1870 be printed with the aforesaid report; this failed to receive a majority of votes and was not carried

Francis J. Lincoln moved to reconsider the vote for the Town Clerk to have 275 copies printed and this motion was carried

Also to reconsider the vote to have the report printed and the same was carried

Voted, That a Committee of three be appointed to nominate an Auditing Committee and this Committee reported the names H. F. Brown, P. A. Parker, & G. Dunham & they were chosen

Voted To postpone action on the 4<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant for March Meeting.

Voted To hear the report of the Selectmen reviewing the list of jurors, which was read. The Town Clerk informed the town that John W. Morgan wished that his name should be taken from the list, and his request was granted, and as so amended the list was accepted by the town.

Article sixth of the warrant for the March Meeting being under consideration it was

Voted To raise and appropriate Eighteen Hundred Dollars for the support of Schools for the current year.

Article seventh of the same warrant being under consideration it was moved to raise and appropriate the several sums of Two Thousand Dollars, Fifteen Hundred Dollars and One <sup>and</sup> Four Hundred <sup>Dollars each</sup> as the necessary amounts for the repair of Highways & Bridges, while this matter was pending it was

Voted That when the two meetings adjourn they shall be adjourned to meet on Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> at one o'clock P.M.

It was then on motion voted to adjourn and the two meetings were adjourned in accordance with the foregoing vote.

Attest

Samuel A. Brown  
Town Clerk



Adjourned Town Meeting April 10<sup>th</sup> 1871  
The meeting called to order by the Moderator  
Samuel W. Brown.

The report of the selectmen  
vacating a new road and relocating portions  
of old, on petition of Charles A. Pharis - and  
others was read and the town voted not  
to accept the same, this vote was after  
wards reconsidered, and the report was  
and ordered receded.

It was moved that  
the roads be repaired in a same manner  
as last year, but the motion was not sustained.

Noted. That the repair of the Highways be left with  
the Selectmen.

This vote was afterwards recon-  
sidered, amended and passed as follows  
viz;

Noted. That the repair of highways be left with the  
Selectmen, subject to any previous votes of  
the town now valid and binding.

John Bates asked to be excused from serving  
as Field Driver and his request was granted  
and Francis E. Cook was Elected Field Driver  
and sworn.

Noted. That the compensation of collector of Taxes  
be Fifty Dollars see page 110 and that he have  
the same privileges and be subject to the same  
conditions and restrictions as the Collector last  
year.

Noted. That the Treasurer be authorised to borrow  
money for the purpose set forth in article  
nine of the warrant for the March Meeting.

That at the Dog fund be added to the appropriation  
for Schools.

A motion was made that the Selectmen be authorized to get the opinion of counsel as to the validity of the votes in relation to repairing highways not carried

Under the appropriate article

in the two warrants it was

Voted to raise Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, and that the same be appropriated as follows viz,

For Repair of Highways	15.00,
For Support of Bridges	150,
For Snow Paths	350,
For Repair of School Houses	200,
For Support of Paupers	1000,
For Salaries of Officers	300,
For Miscellaneous Expenses	300,
For Unusual Expenses	500,
For Interest	650,
For Discount on Taxes	550,
For Payment of Town Debt	2000
	<u>\$ 7,500</u>

The 4<sup>th</sup> article of the Warrant for March meeting being acted upon on motion of Sumner Parker it was

Voted That the Town proceed to erect a School House on the site of School House N<sup>o</sup> 7 recently destroyed by fire

Voted To raise and appropriate One Thousand Dollars for the same

It was moved that the house be built under the direction of the School Committee this motion was not carried

Voted That a Committee be appointed to nominate a Committee to let out & superintend the building of the School-house, who reported the names of Charles Collins, George Dunham, and A. L. Converse and they were chosen

Moved that the Auditing Committee be authorized to print their report, this motion was lost

When the meeting was dissolved Henry H. Brown, Town Clerk



## Town Officers for 1871

Who accepted the offices to which they were chosen, and all of whom an Official Oath is required having been duly sworn

Town Clerk	Henry F. Brown	Joseph C. Hunter
	"	John W. Browning
	James B. Brown	Dauphin Brown
Selectmen	Phiny F. Spaulding	
	John W. Lawrence	Surveyors of Wood Amos Munroe
	Warren F. Tarbell	Surveyors of Lumber Thomas J. Morgan
Assessors	Darius Shaw	
	David W. James	Field Drivers James Hayes
		Francis E. Cook
Treasurer	Alfred L. Bonware	
Collector	Warren F. Tarbell	Pound Keeper Elijah Allen
School Com for 3 yrs	Joseph L. Woods	Sealer of Leather Augustus Wheeler
Constables	Elijah Allen	Auditing Henry F. Brown
	Byron W. Charles	Committee Levi L. Dunham
		Lotter A. Parker

Recorded  
By Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk

## List of jurors for 1871

Clam Ferry	Alfred Lumbard
Edwin A. James	Charles Burbank
David Parker	Alfred L. Bonware
Samuel M. Brown	Thomas J. Morgan
Jonathan C. Dix	James S. Blair
Calvin Blodgett	
Warren F. Tarbell	

Recorded

By Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

Hampton Ss

To Elijah Allen, Constable of the town of  
Brimfield Green.

In the name of the Commonwealth of  
of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn  
the Inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified  
to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at  
the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Tuesday the  
seventh day of November next at ten o'clock  
in the forenoon, and at half past ten o'clock  
(at which time the polls will be opened) to bring in  
their votes to the Selectmen of said town, who will  
preside at said meeting, for - Governor  
Lieut Governor, one Councillor for Councillor District  
N<sup>o</sup> 5. Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General,  
Auditor, and Attorney General for the Commonwealth  
Chief of Courts for Hampden County, One Senator  
for East-Hampden District, One County Commissioner  
Two Special Commissioners, District Attorney  
for Western District, Sheriff for Hampden County  
three Commissioners of Insolvency for Hampden  
County, and one Representative for District  
N<sup>o</sup> one in Hampden County all on one  
Ballot

The Selectmen fix the time for closing  
the Polls at three o'clock P.M.

And you are directed  
to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof one at the  
Town Hall, one at the center Post Office, one at the East-Brimfield  
Post Office, and one at Foshets Mills, in said Brimfield seven  
days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Shew fail not and make due return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting  
aforesaid - Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of

October in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred - and second one  
Hampton Ss - Brimfield Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 1871 I hereby certify that I have for B. Brown, Selectman  
and the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the { P. F. Spaulding } of  
one at the Post Office, one at Town Hall, one at East-Brimfield John W. Lawrence } Brimfield  
Office & one at Foshets Mills seven days before the time for holding said meeting as within of  
Elijah Allen - Constable of Brimfield



State Election November 7<sup>th</sup> 1871

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs, met at the Town Hall in said Brimfield - at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes A.M. warrant read by James B. Brown chairman of the Selectmen after which the Polls were opened for the reception of votes for the several officers named in the warrant, and the Polls were kept open until three o'clock P.M. when in accordance with the notice to that effect in the warrant the were closed, and the votes were sorted, counted and declared in open Town Meeting and were as follows viz;

For Governor William B. Washburn of Brimfield had One Hundred & four votes  
John Linn Adams of Lunenburg had Sixty eight votes  
Robert C. Pitman of New Bedford had one vote  
Benj F. Butler had one vote

For Lieut Governor Joseph Tucker of Lenox had One Hundred & ten votes  
Samuel O. Lamb of Brimfield had Sixty two votes  
Elishahel Trask of Springfield had one vote

For Attorney General Charles R. Train of Boston had One Hundred & ten votes  
William W. Warren of Brighton had Sixty two votes  
Samuel T. Field of Shelburne had one vote

For Secretary of State Oliver Warner of Northampton had One Hundred & ten votes  
Luther Stephenson of Hingham had Sixty two votes  
Henry B. Maglathlin of Duxbury had one vote

For Treasurer and Receiver General Charles Adams Jr of North Brookfield had One Hundred & nine votes  
Levi Heywood of Gardner had Sixty two votes  
John S. Baker of Beverly had one vote

For Auditor Charles Endicott of Canton had One Hundred & nine votes  
Phineas Allen of Pittsfield had Sixty two votes  
Ezra S. Conant of Randolph had one vote

- For Executive  
Councillor, District  
Number Eight
- Edwin Chase of Holyoke had One Hundred & ten votes  
Washington M. East of Pittsfield had Sixty three votes
- For District Attorney
- Milton B. Whitney of Westfield had Eighty eight votes  
George M. Stearns of Chicopee had Eighty Two votes  
Charles M. Stearns of Chicopee had One vote
- For Sheriff
- Addison M. Bradley of Springfield had One Hundred & ten votes  
Charles W. Henry had Sixty three votes
- For Clerk of Courts
- George B. Morris of Springfield had One Hundred & seventy three votes
- For County  
Commissioners
- James S. Loomis of Palmer had One Hundred & eight votes  
C. C. Shaw of Palmer had Sixty three votes
- For Special  
Commissioners
- S. B. Southworth of Chicopee had One Hundred & ten votes  
Andrew Campbell 2 of Westfield had One Hundred & ten votes  
A. J. Forward of Southwick had Sixty three votes  
J. M. Ely of Westfield had Sixty three votes
- For Commissioners  
of  
Insolvency
- M. B. Lewis of Westfield had One Hundred & ten votes  
E. C. Wright of Agawam had One Hundred & ten votes  
James S. Allen of Palmer had One Hundred & nine votes  
E. B. Maynard of Springfield had Sixty two votes  
R. O. Morris of Springfield had Sixty two votes  
R. P. Crafts of Holyoke had Sixty two votes
- For Senator
- William L. Smith of Springfield had Sixty One votes  
Henry F. Brown of Brimfield had One Hundred & twelve votes
- For Representation  
to  
General Court
- Oliver S. Munn of Monson had One vote  
Joshua Tracy of Monson had Sixty one votes  
Warren F. Carbell of Brimfield had One Hundred & eleven votes

After the declaration  
of the above on motions it was voted that the meeting be  
adjourned to the Selectmen Room and it was so adjourned -  
where after making out, sealing up the returns of the  
pending votes, also the votes, the meeting was dissolved -  
Attest Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk



# Town Clerks Meeting, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1871

At a meeting of the Town Clerks of Representative District No. 1 in Hampden County, held at the Selectmens Room in Brimfield on Wednesday the eighth day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy one, at noon for the purpose of examining the return of votes cast in the several towns in said District for Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts

The whole number of votes returned was Seven Hundred and Eight and were for the following persons viz;

For Rice S. Munn of Monson Three Hundred & ten votes

For Joshua Tracy of Monson Two Hundred & fifty one votes

For Warren F. Turbell of Brimfield One Hundred & fifty seven votes

Rice S. Munn of Monson having a plurality of the votes returned was declared Elected

Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk of Brimfield

J. C. Feinny " " " Holland

E. S. Rogers " " " Wales

E. E. Towne " " " Monson

## Vote of the Several Towns

	Rice S. Munn	Joshua Tracy	Warren F. Turbell
Brimfield	1	61	111
Monson	232	114	27
Wales	53	51	4
Holland	24	15	15
	310	241	157 = 708

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown

Town Clerk

Sanford

To Elijah Allen Constable of the Town of Brimfield

In the name of the Town of Brimfield you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the Eleventh day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Second To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing and also all committees and agents that the business of the town may require
- Third To hear reports of the Selectmen, School Committee and agents heretofore chosen by the town and act thereon
- Fourth To raise money for the support of Schools for the ensuing year and direct how the same shall be expended
- Fifth To raise money for the support of Highways, Townways and Bridges and direct how the same shall be expended
- Sixth To raise money for the payment of their town debts and defray expenses for the current
- Seventh To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen in revising the list of jurors
- Eighth To see if the town will accept of the provisions of Act of the Laws 1871 Chap 158 entitled an act to provide for the Election of Road Commissioners
- Ninth To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of town debts and current expenses

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies



of the same at the Town Hall, at the Post Office, at East Brimfield Post Office and at Foshel's Mills in said Brimfield seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Thou fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting

Given under our hands this twenty day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy two

James B. Thorne } Selectmen  
P. F. Spaulding }  
John W. Lawrence } Brimfield

Hampden

Brimfield March 11<sup>th</sup> 1872

I hereby certify that I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same as within directed

Elijah Allen  
Constable of Brimfield

Brimfield March 11<sup>th</sup> 1872

The voters of Brimfield met in obedience to the requirements of the foregoing warrant which was read by the Clerk Henry F. Brown - the votes were then received for a Moderator, whole number thirty one, Samuel W. Brown having twenty nine of the votes was declared Elected -

Who upon entering upon the duties of his office invited Rev. S. B. Boardman to open the meeting with prayer - after which the votes were received for a Town Clerk -

Whole number of votes thirty seven George Town Clerk Bacon had four votes, Henry F. Brown had thirty three votes and was declared Elected

The votes were then received for one Selectman whole number of votes thirty seven and was

for Phiny F. Spaulding three votes, for S. W. Brown four votes, for James B. Brown, thirty votes, and he was declared Elected

Selectman

The votes were then received for another Selectman whole number of votes forty seven, and were for D. W. Allen one vote for A. Charles & James S. Blair two votes each, for William H. Brown three votes, for Phiny F. Spaulding seven votes, for Samuel W. Brown twenty eight votes, which being a plurality he was declared Elected

Selectman

The votes were then received for a third Selectman whole number forty nine, and were for Porter A. Parker one vote, for S. W. Bitchcomb one vote each, for William H. Brown two votes, for George Durbin five votes, for Samuel W. Brown one vote, for John W. Lawrence thirty three votes, being a plurality he was declared Elected, and for S. W. Brown Samuel W. Brown and John W. Lawrence were duly sworn

Voted

That the Assessors to be chosen, be requested and required to make a new valuation of the Real Estate in town before making an assessment of Taxes for the current year

Voted

That the Election of Assessors be postponed until afternoon

Treasurer

The votes were then received for Town Treasurer whole number of votes twenty six Alfred L. Converse having twenty five was declared Elected

Collector

The votes were then received for Collector whole number of votes twelve, James B. Brown having one, James S. Blair had two, and Warren F. Eckert having two votes was declared Elected, but declining to accept the office another ballot was had

Collector

Whole number of votes fifty one and were for Porter A. Parker one vote, for George Bacon three votes, for S. W. Brown four votes, for James S. Blair thirteen votes, and for Elijah Allen twenty two votes and he was declared Elected



The votes were then received for a School Committee School Committee for three years, whole number of votes thirty nine — J. S. Spaulding, Jas B. Brown and F. C. Cook had one vote each, Rev. M. B. Boardman had two votes and Warren F. Tarbell had thirty seven votes & was declared Elected.

Adjournment At 12 o'clock noon it was voted to adjourn for one hour and the meeting was so adjourned.

At one o'clock P. M. the meeting met pursuant to adjournment and the votes were received for an Assessor, whole number of votes fifty six and were ~~and were~~ for Jas B. Brown one of W. Lawrence one vote each, for George Bacon three votes for Jas S. Blair two votes, for Sumner Parker six votes for W. F. Tarbell nineteen votes, for Darius Shaw twenty four votes, which being a plurality Darius Shaw was declared Elected.

The votes were then received for another Assessor whole number of votes sixty seven. S. W. Brown had one vote, Joseph C. Hunter had three votes, N. S. Hubbard had four votes, George Bacon had seven votes Sumner Parker had eleven votes, Albert S. Prouty had forty one votes and was declared Elected.

The votes were then received for a third Assessor whole number of votes fifty one and were for the following persons viz; W. C. Hunter and George Danham one vote each, for N. S. Hubbard two votes, for George Bacon three votes, for Joseph C. Hunter and Sumner Parker twenty two votes each, no person having a plurality of the votes cast, it was declared no choice.

And the votes were again received for third Assessor whole number of votes sixty four. N. S. Hubbard & Jas S. Blair had one vote each, George Bacon had four votes George Danham had nine votes, Sumner Parker had twelve votes, Warren F. Tarbell had thirty seven votes & was declared Elected, and Darius Shaw, Albert S. Prouty,

and Warren F. Tarbell were duly sworn as Assessors.

Constable

The votes were then received for a Constable whole number of votes forty one, and were for F. E. Cook four votes, for J. S. Blair nine votes, for Elijah Allen twenty eight votes and Elijah Allen was declared Elected.

The votes were then received for another Constable the town having voted to elect two. whole number of votes thirty nine. B. W. Charles had one vote, for J. S. Blair had eight votes and Nathan M. Goodale had thirty and was declared Elected. And Elijah Allen and Nathan M. Goodale were duly sworn as Constables.

Voted

To choose three Fence Viewers and Joseph G. Hunter, Darius Brown and John W. Browning were chosen by ballot.

Voted

That the Assessors be requested to repeat the names of scholars in town between the ages of five and fifteen years.

Voted

To Elect five Measurers of Wood and Bark B. J. Mann, Charles W. Fosket, A. S. Prouty, Amos Munroe and J. S. Blair were chosen & A. S. Prouty, was duly sworn. Thomas J. Morgan was chosen Surveyor of Lumber and sworn.

Voted

To elect one Field Officer, F. E. Cook was reelected but declining to serve John Bates was chosen & sworn.

Samuel W. Brown was Elected, Pound Keeper.

Voted

To pass over Election of Overseers of the Poor.

Voted

That when this meeting adjourns it be adjourned to meet on the first Monday in April at 10 o'clock A.M.



The Selectmen reported a list of jurors for the current <sup>year</sup>. Joseph C. Hunter and William C. Blackfield asked to have their names taken from the list and their request was granted and the report was recommended to the Selectmen to fill the vacancies — who made their report and <sup>the</sup> list as reported was adopted as the list for the current year.

### List of jurors

Elijah Allen, James H. Brown, Moses H. Baber  
Byron W. Charles, Miner M. Corbin, Francis C. Cook  
Lucius C. Fenton, Anthony M. Lyman, Albert S. Proctor  
Edwin B. Webber, Alfred L. Converse, Alfred Lundhead  
Jonathan C. Dix, Newton S. Hubbard, Charles W. Forbet

Article 8<sup>th</sup> in the warrant being acted upon  
George Bacon moved that the town adopt  
the law there specified

Joseph L. Woods moved  
that this matter as well as the whole question  
of repair of roads be referred to a committee  
of Ten, one from each of the former School  
Districts,

Noted

That the Selectmen and Town Clerk be a  
board to nominate said Committee of 10  
and they reported, Henry F. Brown, Parson, Allen  
Ephraim Fenton, Porter A. Parker, Sumner Parker  
Albert S. Proctor, Thomas J. Morgan, Charles Epham  
Norman S. Powers and Edwin B. Webber and  
they were chosen

Noted

That the Town Treasurer be authorised to  
borrow money for the payment of town  
debts and current expenses

Noted

To adjourn and the meeting was  
adjourned to meet on the first Monday  
in April at 10 o'clock A.M.

Recorded by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk

Monday April 1st 1872 The Substantive of  
 Brimfield met pursuant to adjournment at 10 o  
 clock A.M. Elijah Allen tendered his resignation  
 of the office of Constable and Collector and the  
 town voted to accept the same, it was then  
 Voted To proceed to the choice of a Collector whole  
 number of votes twenty six A. L. Bonvase  
 had one vote, Henry F. Brown had two votes, and  
 James S. Blair had twenty votes and was declared  
 elected -

It was then voted to elect a Constable  
 whole number of votes Twenty two, James Walker  
 had one vote, N. S. Hubbard & Joseph C. Hunter  
 had two votes each, James S. Blair had four  
 votes, Henry Newton, had five votes, and George  
 Bacon had eight votes, and was declared  
 Elected and duly sworn -

Albert S. Prouty, William M. Shaw and George  
 Dunham were chosen Auditing Committee

Francis J. Lincoln, resigned the office of  
 School Committee and his resignation was  
 accepted

The votes were then received for a  
 School Committee to fill the vacancy, whole  
 number of votes thirty six, M. B. Boardman  
 had three votes and Newton S. Hubbard had  
 thirty three and was declared Elected

Voted That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes  
 be Fifty Dollars, and that he have the same  
 privileges and be subject to the same conditions  
 and restrictions as the Collector for last year, see  
 page 136

Voted To raise Eighteen Hundred Dollars for the  
 support of Schools, and that the same be  
 appropriated for the wages and board of  
 Teachers and for fuel -



Voted To raise Seven Thousand Dollars and that the same be appropriated as follows viz:

For Repair of Highway, Eighteen Hundred Dollars	\$1800.
For Support of Bridges One Hundred & fifty Dollars	150.
For Snow Paths Three Hundred & Fifty Dollars	350.
For Repair of School House Three hundred Dollars	300.
For Support of Paupers One Thousand Dollars	1000.
For Salaries of Officers Four hundred Dollars	400.
For Miscellaneous Expenses Five Hundred Dollars	500.
For Interest on Town Debt Three hundred Dollars	300.
For Discount on Taxes Five Hundred Dollars	500.
For Unusual Expenses Five Hundred Dollars	500.
" Payment on Town Debt Twelve Hundred Dollars	1200.
	<u>\$ 7000.</u>

Voted To act on Article Eighth in the Warrant and it was moved to adopt the Law of 1871 Chap 158. but the motion was not carried 23 voting in aff and 44 in neg

Moved By Darius Shaw to leave the repair of Roads and Bridges with the Selectmen. Withdrawn

Moved By George Bacon. To choose one Highway Surveyor who shall have charge of the repair of the Highways and Bridges in town - not voted

Moved By John W. Lawrence. That the Selectmen be authorized and directed to purchase a good yoke of Oxen, and suitable and proper tools for the repair of the Highways & Bridges, and hire a suitable person for foreman and such other help as may be necessary for the proper repair of the Highways & Bridges - voted down

Moved To choose Ten Highway Surveyors - No. lot

Voted To reconsider the vote rejecting the motion offered by George Bacon - and it was then voted to choose one Highway Surveyor

Voted That the Moderator appoint a Committee of five to nominate a candidate for Highway Surveyor and F. D. Lincoln, Albert S. Prouty, Abraham Charles James H. Buxton & Peter A. Parker were appointed said Committee - who reported the name of Alfred L. Converse and he was chosen but declining to serve was excused. The Committee then reported the name of John W. Lawrence who was elected -

Voted That the pay of Highway Surveyor be Two Dollars and fifty cents per day of ten hours.

Voted That the Highway Surveyor be authorized to contract for the repair of parts of the Highways subject to the approval of the Selectmen.

Voted That subject to the approval of the Selectmen he may purchase all tools needed for repairing the Highways.

John W. Lawrence asked to be excused from serving as Highway Surveyor and his request was granted.

Voted To choose an additional Field Driver and Jerome Barnilton was chosen & sworn.

The Committee reported Joseph C. Hunter as a suitable <sup>person</sup> to be elected Highway Surveyor and he was chosen and duly sworn.

Wm. H. Shaw was excused from serving as Auditing Committee, and Warren F. Tarbell was chosen to fill the vacancy.

At this meeting the Committee to settle with the Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor made their report and the same was accepted by the town.



# Town Officers for 1872

Who accepted the offices to which they were  
Elected, and all, of whom an oath is by  
law required, having been duly sworn

Town Clerk Henry F. Brown

Fire Viewers Joseph C. Hunter  
John W. Browning  
Dauphin Brown

Selectmen James B. Brown  
Samuel W. Brown

Field Drivers John W. Lawrence  
John Bates  
Jesse Hamilton

Darius Shaw

Assessors Albert S. Prouty  
Warren F. Tarbell

Measures of Wood Albert S. Prouty

Treasurer Alfred L. Corwin

Measures of Thomas J. Mayan

Sealers of Leather Augustus Wheeler

Collector James S. Blair

Pound Keeper Samuel W. Brown

School Committee 3 yrs Warren F. Tarbell

" " fill vacancy Newton S. Hubbard

Auditing Committee Warren F. Tarbell  
Albert S. Prouty

Constables George Bacon

George Dunham

Nathan M. Goodale

Highway Surveyor Joseph C. Hunter

Recorded

By

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

# Warrant for November Meeting 1872

## Hampden Co.

To George Bacon Constable of the town of  
 Brimfield in said County  
 In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants  
 of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections  
 and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in  
 said Brimfield on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November  
 next at ten o'clock in the forenoon and at half  
 past ten o'clock (at which time the Polls will be  
 opened) to bring in their votes to the selectmen  
 who will preside at said meeting, for Electors of  
 President, and Vice President of the United  
 States, one Representative for the Eleventh Congressional  
 District, Governor, Lieutenant Governor one Councillor  
 for Councillor District N<sup>o</sup> 8, Secretary, Treasurer and  
 Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts and  
 Attorney General of the Commonwealth, One  
 Senator for East Hampden District; one Representative  
 for District Representative for District N<sup>o</sup> 1 in Hampden  
 County to represent said District in the next General  
 Court of this Commonwealth, one County  
 Commissioner for Hampden County, and  
 also for a clerk of the Courts in Hampden  
 County to fill a vacancy occasioned by the  
 death of George B. Morris, all on one ballot.

The Selectmen fix the  
 time at three o'clock P. M. for closing the Polls

And you are directed to  
 serve this warrant by posting up attested copies  
 thereof at the Town Hall, at the center Post Office  
 at the East Brimfield Post Office, and at Fosbets  
 Mills, in said Brimfield seven days at least  
 before the time for holding said meeting

Whereof fail not and  
 make due return of this warrant with your  
 doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time  
 and place of holding said meeting



Given under our hands this nineteenth day  
of October in year of our Lord One Thousand  
Eight Hundred and Seventy two

James B. Brown } Selectmen  
John W. Lawrence } Brimfield

Brimfield Oct 23<sup>d</sup> 1872

I hereby certify that I have  
served the within Warrant by posting up  
attested copies as within directed

George Bacon  
Constable

Annual Meeting Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1872

The Inhabitants of Brimfield  
qualified to vote in Elections and in town  
affairs, assembled at the Town Hall in  
accordance with the requirements of the  
foregoing warrant and were called to order  
by the chairman of the Selectmen James  
B. Brown at half past ten o'clock A.M.  
the warrant was read, when the polls were  
opened for the reception of votes, and were  
kept open until three o'clock P.M. when  
no person desiring they should be kept  
open for a longer time they were closed -  
And the votes were sorted, counted, and  
declared in open town meeting and were  
as follows

For Electors  
At Large

For E. Perwood Hoar of Concord One  
Hundred and twenty eight votes

For John M. Forbes of Milton One Hundred  
and twenty eight votes

For Chester W. Chapin of Springfield twenty four votes

For Josiah S. Albot of Boston twenty four votes

Electors  
for

District No One

For William T. Davis of Plymouth One Hundred  
and twenty eight votes

For George DeBaro of New Bedford Seventy four votes

- For Elector  
for  
District N<sup>o</sup> 2 For Harrison Ford of Taunton One Hundred and  
twenty eight votes  
For J. C. Carpenter of Foxboro Seventy four votes
- For Elector  
for  
District N<sup>o</sup> 3 For Alvan Simonds of Boston One Hundred  
and twenty eight votes  
For Charles A. B. Shepard of Boston Seventy four votes
- For Elector  
for  
District N<sup>o</sup> 4 For Edward M. Dunn of Boston One Hundred and  
twenty eight votes  
For Joseph Overdean of Boston Seventy four votes
- For Elector  
for  
District N<sup>o</sup> 5 For Amos F. Buel of Lynn One Hundred and  
twenty eight votes  
For Richard Frothingham of Charlestown Seventy four votes
- For Elector  
for  
District N<sup>o</sup> 6 For Luther Day of Haverhill One Hundred and  
twenty eight votes  
For John A. Barrett of Salem Seventy four votes
- For Elector  
for  
District N<sup>o</sup> 7 For J. C. Hoadley of Lawrence One Hundred  
and twenty eight votes  
For W<sup>m</sup> H. Clennens of Lowell Seventy four votes
- For Elector  
for  
District N<sup>o</sup> 8 For A. C. Mayhew of Milford One Hundred and  
twenty eight votes  
For Gen W<sup>m</sup> Schouler of West Roxbury Seventy four votes
- For Elector  
for  
District N<sup>o</sup> 9 For Stephen Salisbury of Worcester One Hundred  
and twenty eight votes  
For Isaac Davis of Worcester Seventy four votes
- For Elector  
for  
District N<sup>o</sup> 10 For Levi Starbridge of Amherst One Hundred  
and twenty eight votes  
For C. M. B. Snow of Fitchburg Seventy four votes
- For Elector  
for  
District N<sup>o</sup> 11 For Lucy Alexander Jr of Springfield One Hundred  
and twenty eight votes  
For Charles W. Howx of Chelsea Seventy four votes



For Governor William B. Washburn of Greenfield had One Hundred and twenty nine votes  
Francis W. Bird of Walpole had Seventy six votes

For Lieutenant Governor Thomas Talbot of Billerica had One Hundred and thirty votes  
William L. Smith of Springfield had Seventy five votes

For Secretary Oliver Warner of Nashua had One Hundred and thirty three votes  
George H. Munroe of Boston had Seventy two votes

For Treasurer and Receiver General Charles Adams of North Brookfield had One Hundred and thirty three votes  
Levi Heywood of Gardner had Seventy two votes

For Auditor Charles Endicott of Canton had One Hundred and thirty three votes  
P. A. Collins of Boston had Seventy two votes

For Attorney General Charles R. Train of Boston had One Hundred and thirty three votes  
Waldo Colburn of Dedham had Seventy two votes

For Councilor for District N<sup>o</sup> 8 Edwin Chase of Holyoke had One Hundred and thirty two votes  
Smith R. Phillips of Springfield had Seventy two votes

For Member of Congress Henry L. Dawes of Pittsfield had One Hundred and thirty one votes  
John F. Arnold of Adams Seventy three votes

For County Commissioner William M. Lewis of Blandford had One Hundred and thirty four votes  
Roswell P. Crafts of Holyoke had Seventy two votes

For Clerk of the Courts Robert O. Morris of Springfield had Two Hundred and seven votes

For Senator Timothy F. Packard of Monson had Eighty two  
 for votes  
 Eastern Hampden Edward H. Leathrop of Springfield had One Hundred  
 and Eighteen votes  
 Henry F. Brown of Brimfield had One vote

For Representative Thomas J. Morgan of Brimfield had One Hundred  
 To and twenty three votes

General Court Frank A. Royce of Wales had Seventy nine votes

After the public declar-  
 -ation of the foregoing votes on motion made  
 and voted the meeting was adjourned to the  
 Selectmens room

When after making out  
 signing and sealing up the return of the  
 foregoing votes, also the Ballots cast and  
 the voting list. the meeting in accordance  
 with a vote passed to that effect was dissolved

A true record of the Warrant and proceedings  
 Shown

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
 Town Clerk



Town Clerk's Meeting Nov- 16<sup>th</sup> 1872

At a meeting of the Town Clerks of Representative District number One in Hampshire County held at the Selectmens room in Brimfield on Wednesday the sixth day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy two, at noon, for the purpose of examining the returns of votes cast in the several towns in said District for Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts

The whole number of votes returned was Eight Hundred and thirty four and were for the following persons viz:

For Thomas J. Morgan of Brimfield Five Hundred and fifty six votes

For Frank A. Royce of Wales Two Hundred and seventy eight votes

Thomas J. Morgan of Brimfield having a plurality of all the votes cast & returned was declared Elected

Henry F. Thrown, Town Clerk of Brimfield  
E. C. Towne " " " Monson  
G. S. Royce " " " Wales  
F. B. Blodgett " " " Holland

### Vote of the several Towns

	Thomas J. Morgan	Frank A. Royce
Monson	284	140
Brimfield	123	79
Wales	114	39
Holland	35	20
	<hr/> 556	<hr/> 278

Recorded

By

Henry F. Thrown  
Town Clerk

Warrant for Annual March Meeting  
Hampden Co.

To George Bacon Constable of the  
town of Brimfield

Sreeting

In the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are  
required to notify and warn the inhabitants of  
the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in  
Elections and in town affairs to meet at the  
Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday  
the tenth day of March next at ten o'clock in  
the forenoon then and there to act on the following  
article viz

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Second To choose all necessary town officers for the year  
ensuing, and also all committees and agents  
the business of the town may require
- Third To hear reports of the Selectmen, School Committee  
and agents heretofore chosen by the town and act  
thereon
- Fourth To raise money for the support of schools for  
the ensuing year and direct how the same  
shall be expended
- Fifth To raise money for the support of highways,  
town ways and bridges and direct how the  
same shall be expended
- Sixth To raise money for the payment of town  
debts and defray expenses for the current  
year
- Seventh To see if the town will accept the report of  
the Selectmen for revising the list of jurors
- Eighth To see if the Town will authorize the  
Treasurer to borrow money for the payment  
of town debts and current expenses
- Ninth To see if the town will authorize the purchase



- of a house suitable for use in time of sleighing
- Tenth To see if the town will discontinue that portion of the road not already discontinued leading Eastward from the Hollow road near John A. Elliott to Shaw's Hill
- Eleventh To see if the town will allow a discount on Taxes paid in a certain period
- Twelfth To see what disposition the town will make of their Dog Fund

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same one each at the Town Hall at the Post Office, at the East-Brimfield Post Office and at Fosher's Mill in said Brimfield seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Shelf fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk at the time and place of meeting

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy three

Jas B. Brown } Selectmen  
 Saml. W. Brown }  
 John W. Lawrence } of  
 Brimfield

Brimfield March 10<sup>th</sup> 1873

I hereby certify that I have served the within warrant by posting Four attested copies as within directed

George Bacon

Constable of Brimfield

A copy of Warrant

and constables return thereon

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

March 10<sup>th</sup> 1873 The voters of Brimfield met at the Town Hall in obedience to the foregoing warrant and were called to order by the Town Clerk, Henry F. Brown, after the reading of the warrant the votes were received for Moderator, and Samuel W. Brown was chosen —

The votes were then received  
 Town Clerk for Town Clerk whole number of votes fifty  
 George M. Hitchcock and Samuel W. Brown had one vote each. Henry F. Brown had forty eight votes and was declared Elected

The votes were then received  
 Selectman for one Selectman James B. Brown had Forty five votes and was declared Elected

The votes were then received  
 Selectman for another Selectman whole number of votes sixty eight. Solomon Homer had one vote. Porter A. Parker had twenty nine votes and James S. Blair had thirty eight votes and was declared Elected

The votes were then received for  
 Selectman a third Selectman whole number of votes seventy four. Porter A. Parker had two votes, Albert S. Prouty had thirty six votes, and Moses H. Baker had thirty six votes, no choice and another ballot was ordered —

Whole number of votes seventy six. Moses H. Baker had thirty five votes, and Albert S. Prouty had forty one votes and was declared Elected, and James B. Brown, James S. Blair and Albert S. Prouty, were sworn as Selectmen

The votes were then received  
 Treasurer for Treasurer, whole number of votes fifty four. Gus E. Parker had one vote. Samuel A. Wales had five votes, and Alfred L. Converse had forty eight votes and was declared Elected

School Committee The votes were then received for a School



School Committee Committee for three years, whole number of votes seventy six. Orus E. Parker had twenty four votes, Mrs Harriet W. Marsh had fifty two votes and was declared Elected

Voted

At twelve o'clock and 8 minutes noon it was voted to adjourn for one hour - and the meeting was so adjourned.

Assessor

The votes met pursuant to adjournment and the votes were received for an Assessor, whole number of votes fifty three. Church Caucus had one vote, Darius Shaw had fifty two votes and was declared Elected

Assessor

The votes were then received for another Assessor whole number of votes Seventy two, Lauphin Brown had one vote Byron W. Charles had seventeen votes and Warren F. Tarbell had fifty four votes and was declared Elected

Assessor

The votes were then received for a third Assessor, whole number of votes seventy four. William H. Sherman had thirty two votes, George Bacon had forty four votes and was declared Elected

Constable

The votes were then received for Constable, whole number of votes fifty one. Warren F. Tarbell had one vote, Chiny Newton, had four votes, George Bacon had six votes, and Francis E. Cook had forty one votes and was declared Elected

Constable

The votes were then received for another Constable, Chiny Newton had fifty four votes all that were cast and he was declared Elected

Collector

The votes were then received for a Collector, whole number of votes sixty two James S. Blair had four, and Warren F. Tarbell had fifty eight and was declared Elected

Three times. The votes were then received for Lou Fane times.  
 Dauphin Brown, John W. Browning and Joseph C.  
 Hunter had two votes each all that was cast and  
 they were declared Elected

George Bacon here made a  
 motion to Elect three additional School Committee

Voted That the aforesaid motion be laid on the table

Voted To Elect Six Field Drivers. Silsman B. Hayes, Edward  
 Bliss, George H. Lapham, John Latis, Ous C. Parker  
 Charles Lapham were Elected. George H. Lapham  
 asked to be excused and his request was granted,  
 and Nathan M. Goodale was elected to fill the vacuum.  
 John Latis, Ous C. Parker, Charles Lapham & Nathan M. Goodale  
 were duly sworn

Voted To Elect two members of Wood and Bark and  
 Sumner Parker and George M. Hitchcock were Elected  
 and Sworn

Voted To Elect four Surveyors of Lumber and Charles W  
 Foshet, Thomas J. Morgan, David W. Jones and  
 Norman S. Powers were Elected

Augustus Wheeler

Sealer of Leather was elected Sealer of Leather and sworn

Elijah Allen was Elected

Pound Keeper Pound Keeper

Voted. To act on the ninth article

List of jurors The Selectmen reported a List of jurors. Alfred L.  
 Bonneau asked to have his name stricken from  
 the list and his request was granted. The  
 remainder of the list as reported was accepted  
 by the town. see page 167 for List

Voted To act further under the second article and  
 J. C. Lloyd moved to elect Six Highway Surveyors  
 but this motion was not carried

Voted To Elect one Highway Surveyor and Joseph C. Hunter  
 was Elected



Voted To take from the table and act on the motion offered by George Bacon for the election of three additional School Committee men; one for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and it was so done, and the motion defeated

Voted That the Treasurer of the Poor be authorized ~~used~~ to purchase and keep at the Poor Farm a suitable horse of Oxen, and hire one or more men for the use of the Highway Surveyor in repairing roads for such portion of the year as he may require and deem necessary

Voted On motion of George Bacon that the subject matter of the 10<sup>th</sup> article be referred to the Selectmen to hear the parties interested, and see if the road can be discontinued, by agreement so as to leave a private way for those who desire it -

Voted That when this meeting adjourns it be to meet on Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at one o'clock P. M. -

Voted That the Selectmen be requested to call a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for decorating the Soldiers Graves &c

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized and directed to purchase a hearse suitable for use in time of sleighing

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the payment of town debts and current expenses

Article Eleventh being under consideration. It was moved That on all Taxes unpaid Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. interest be charged at the rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent a

month until Jan<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>, aft<sup>r</sup> that time at one percent a month. This motion was not adopted

*Voted* That the compensation of the collector of Taxes be Fifty Dollars, and that he have the same privileges and be subject to the same conditions and restrictions as the collector for last year we pay \$49,134,110,54,29.9

*Voted* To adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned

Monday March 31<sup>st</sup> - 1873. The voters of Brimfield met pursuant to adjournment.

Henry F. Brown

*Auditing Committee* William B. Sherman and Francis E. Cook were chosen auditing committee

The Moderator read a communication received from Mrs. Harriet M. Marsh wherein she declined to serve as School Committee.

*School Committee* *Voted* to proceed to the choice of a School Committee for three years to fill the vacancy, whole number of votes thirty-two, Samuel W. Brown, and C. B. Brown had one vote each, Orus E. Parker had three votes, Henry F. Brown had twenty seven votes and was declared Elected

*Report of Auditing Committee* The report of the Committee to settle with the Overseers of the Poor and Town Treasurer was read by Warren F. Sargent and the town voted to accept the same For report see Financial Record Page and Almshouse Record

*Voted* To raise Two Thousand Dollars for Schools and that the same be appropriated for the wages and board of Teachers and for Fuel

*Voted* To raise Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, and that the same be appropriated as follows viz;



For Repair of Highways, Seven Hundred and fifty Dollars	1750.
For Support of Bridges, Three Hundred Dollars	300.
For Snow Paths, Five Hundred Dollars	500.
For Repair of School Houses, Three Hundred Dollars	300.
For Support of Paupers, Eleven Hundred Dollars	1100
For Salaries of Officers, Three Hundred <sup>&amp; fifty</sup> Dollars	350
For Miscellaneous Expenses Five Hundred Dollars	500
For Discount on Taxes, Five Hundred Dollars	500
For Unusual Expenses Two Hundred Dollars	200
For Town Debt and Interest One Thousand Dollars	1000
	<u>\$ 6500.</u>

The Selectmen reported that they had not been able to agree with John A. Elliot as to the discontinuance of the highway described in the 10<sup>th</sup> article

Voted That the road described in the 10<sup>th</sup> article be discontinued as a public way—

Voted That the Selectmen be authorised to leave the above road open as a private way for the use of the adjoining land owners who are damaged by its discontinuance if they desire to have it so done.

Voted To choose a Committee of three to take into consideration the propriety of taking measures to secure a Library for the use of the town and they are instructed to confer with the Trustees of the Hittchcock Free High School or other persons who may be disposed to assist the town in securing such a Library and Francis D. Lincoln, George Bacon and Sumner Parbor were chosen as said Committee

Voted That the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors and School Committee shall be entitled to, and receive as compensation for their services a sum not exceeding twenty five cents per hour for all time spent in the service of the town; except

that the Selectmen shall not be entitled to any compensation for their regular monthly meetings and Provided that no charge be made for use of a horse within the limits of the town

Meeting Dissolved

### Town Officers for 1873

Who accepted the offices to which they were Elected and all, of whom an oath is by law required having been duly sworn

Town Clerk	Henry F. Brown	Finer Viewers	Joseph C. Hunter
			John W. Brown
			Lauphin Brown
Selectmen	James B. Brown		
	James S. Blair		
	Albert S. Prouty		
		Field	John Bates
	Darius Shaw	Drivers	Orus E. Parker
Assessors	Warren F. Tarbell		Charles Upham
	George Bacon		Nathan M. Goodale
		Measures	Sumner Parker
Treasurer	Alfred L. Converse	Wood & Bark	George M. Hitchcock
Collector	Warren F. Tarbell	Sealer of Leather	Augustus Wheeler
School Committee for one year	Henry F. Brown	Pound Keeper	Elijah Allen
Constables	Henry Norton		Henry F. Brown
	Francis E. Cook	Audit Com	William M. Shuman
			Francis E. Cook
Highway Surveyor	Joseph C. Hunter		

### List of jurors for 1873

Byron W. Charles Lucius C. Fenton James M. Brown  
Miner M. Corbin Albert S. Prouty Charles C. Brown  
Elijah Allen Alfred Lumbard Warren F. Tarbell  
Charles W. Foshee Norton S. Hubbard Orus E. Parker  
Joseph L. Woods Charles Upham  
Presiding of the meeting } By Henry F. Brown  
and list of Officers rendered } Town Clerk



Warrant of

To Henry Huston Constable of the town  
of Brimfield

Writing

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and  
warn the Inhabitants of the town of Brimfield  
qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs  
to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on  
Monday the 9th day of March inst at one  
o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on  
the following articles viz;

- First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting
- Second To see what sum of money the town will grant  
and vote for the purpose of helping in repair or  
decorating the graves within their limits, of  
Soldiers or Sailors who died in the Military or  
Naval service of the United States, or the  
Monuments or other Memorials erected to their  
memory
- Third To see if the town will discontinue the old  
road leading from near the house of E. B.  
Lavenport Wetherby to its junction with the  
South Waver and East Brimfield road
- Fourth To see if the Town will require the School  
Committee to appoint a Superintendent of  
Public Schools
- Fifth To see if the town will discontinue the  
road leading from near Michael Cassidy  
South Eastly to Patrick Mc Intyre or any part  
of the same

And you are directed to serve  
this Warrant by posting up attested copies  
thereof at the Town Hall, at the Post Office  
at the East Brimfield Post Office and at  
Foskett Mills in said Brimfield seven  
days before the time of holding said  
meeting,

911

And fail not and make due return of this  
warrant with your doing, thereon to the Town Clerk  
at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands  
this twelfth day of March in the year One  
Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy three

James B. Brown, Selectman  
James S. Blair } of  
A. S. Purity } Brimfield

Brimfield March 31st-1873

Hampden Is

I have the within warrant by posting, & re-  
attested copies as directed within

Cheney Newton. Constable

Brimfield March 31st-1873. The Inhabitants of  
Brimfield assembled in obedience to the  
foregoing warrant, warrant read by the Town  
Clerk, votes received for Moderator, Samuel W  
Brown had eighteen votes all that were cast  
and was declared Elected

Voted

That the town appropriate Seventy five dollars  
to erect suitable monuments at the graves  
of Wyler Kustham and Charles Dimick  
and defray the expense of repairing and  
decorating the graves of our Sailors & Soldiers  
who served in the War of the Rebellion

Voted

To raise a Committee of three to carry the  
foregoing vote into effect, Francis D. Lincoln,  
Amos Munroe and George Bacon were chosen  
Committee for said purpose

Voted

That the road named in Article 3<sup>rd</sup> be discontinued

Voted

Not to require the School Committee to elect a  
Superintendent of Public Schools. Also to pass  
over the 5<sup>th</sup> article without action.

Meeting on vote to that effect was dissolved Henry T. Brown  
Town Clerk





Brinfield June 14<sup>th</sup> 1873

The Inhabitants of Brinfield assembled in accordance with the call of the foregoing warrant. Samuel W. Brown was chosen Moderator.

Notice from the County Commissioners read to the meeting

Voted To appoint a Committee who are hereby authorized to appear and represent the Town before the County Commissioners and take such action, in relation to the petition of L. A. Butler and others for a new road, as <sup>they</sup> judge for the best interest of the town. Henry F. Brown Sumner Parker and James S. Blair were appointed as the Committee.

H. F. Brown informed the town that other engagements might prevent his meeting the Commissioners at the time appointed for the view and hearing.

Voted That Mr Brown be authorized to appoint a substitute if not able to attend

Voted That the meeting be dissolved and it was so done

Attest  
Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



Hamphden ss

To Henry Newton Constable of the town of Brimfield  
in said County greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and cause the Inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November <sup>and at half past ten o'clock</sup> next at ten o'clock at which time at which time the Polls will be opened to bring in their votes to the Selectmen who will preside at said meeting. for Governor, Lieutenant Governor one Councillor for Councillor District N<sup>o</sup> 8, Secretary Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts Attorney General of the Commonwealth, Senators for First Hampshire District, one County Commissioner for Hampshire County, one Special Commissioner, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Register of Probate and Insolvency and one Representative for District N<sup>o</sup> 1 in Hampshire County to represent said District in the next General Court of this Commonwealth. All on one ballot

The Selectmen fix the time for closing the Polls at 3 o'clock P.M.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, at the center Post Office, at the East Brimfield Post Office and at Foshets Mills seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred seventy three

for B. Brown of Selectmen  
J. S. Blair of  
A. S. Proctor of Brimfield

Hampden ss. Brimfield Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1873, I have served the within  
Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, at the center  
Post-Office, at the East Brimfield Post-Office and at Foshets Mills seven days  
before the time for holding said meeting as within directed  
Henry Newton, Constable of Brimfield

Annual Meeting Nov-4<sup>th</sup> 1873. The Inhabitants of Springfield qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs met at the Town Hall as directed by the foregoing warrant, and were called to order by James B. Brown Chairman of the Selectmen, at 10 o'clock 48<sup>me</sup> A. M. after the reading of the warrant the polls were opened for the reception of votes, and were kept open until three o'clock P. M. when no person desiring they should be kept open for a longer time they were closed, and the votes were sorted, counted and declared in open town meeting and were as follows;

For Governor

William B. Washburn of Springfield had Eighty two votes  
William Gaston of Boston had Eighty two votes

For Lieut Governor

Thomas Talbot of Belleria had Eighty two votes  
William L. Smith of Springfield had Eighty two votes

For Secretary of State

Oliver Warner of Northampton had Eighty two votes  
Benj F. Mills of Williamstown had Eighty two votes

For Treasurer and  
Junior General

Charles Adams Jr of North Brookfield had Eighty three votes  
Nathan Clark of Lyman had Eighty two votes

For Auditor

Charles Endicott of Canton had Eighty three votes  
Osgood Morse of Newburgport had Eighty two votes

For Attorney General

Charles M. Train of Boston had Eighty three votes  
Waldo Colburn of Dedham had Eighty two votes

For Councilor

E. M. Brewster of Northampton had Eighty three votes  
Charles W. Knox of Chester had Eighty two votes

For Senator

E. M. Lathrop of Springfield had ninety seven votes  
S. C. Maniner of Springfield had Sixty five votes

For Register of Deeds

James C. Russell of Springfield had One hundred & sixty five votes

For Register of Probate

Carnel B. Spooner of Springfield had Ninety three votes  
William B. Miller of Springfield had Seventy two votes



For County Treasurer M. Wells, Bridge of Springfield had Eighty two votes  
 E. B. Maynard of Springfield had Eighty three votes

For County Commissioner William Maltoon of Springfield had Fifty two votes  
 Lawson Sibley of Springfield had Eighty two votes  
 George R. Townsend of Springfield had Thirty one votes

For Special Commissioner George W. Town of Westfield had Eighty three votes  
 Roland Parks of Russell had Eighty two votes

For Representative Julius M. Lyon of Wales had Sixty seven votes  
 District N<sup>o</sup> one Amos Mumme of Brimfield had Ninety seven votes

After the public declaration  
 of the aforesaid votes on motion made and voted  
 the meeting adjourned to the Selectmen's Room  
 where

after making out, signing and sealing up the  
 returns of the foregoing votes, also the ballot box  
 and the voting list, on motion made and  
 voted the meeting was dissolved

A true copy of the  
 Warrant and proceedings thereon

Attest

Henry Theron  
 Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Town Clerk of Representative District No. 1 in Massachusetts County held at the Selectmen's Room in Brimfield on Wednesday November 5<sup>th</sup> in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy two, at noon for the purpose of examining the returns of votes cast in the several towns in said District for Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts

The whole number of votes returned was Five Hundred and eighty and were for the following persons viz;

For Julius M. Lyon of Wales  
Three Hundred and sixty five votes

For Amos Munroe of  
Brimfield Two Hundred and fifteen votes

Julius M. Lyon of  
Wales having a plurality of the votes returned  
was declared Elected

Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk of Brimfield  
A. A. Gay " " " Monson  
Herbert M. Haraden " " " Wales  
F. B. Blodgett " " " Holland

Vote of the several Towns

Julius M. Lyon Amos Munroe

Monson	215	75
Brimfield	67	95
Wales	74	19
Holland	19	26
	<u>365</u>	<u>215</u>

Recorded from the original

By

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



Warrant for Annual March Meeting  
Hampden Co

To Cherry Weston Constable of the town  
of Brimfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts, you are required to notify  
and warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield  
qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs  
to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield  
on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March next at 10.  
o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act  
on the following articles viz;

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Second To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing  
year, also all committees and agents that  
the business of the town may require
- Third To hear reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor  
School Committee and Agents heretofore chosen  
by the town and act thereon
- Fourth To raise money for the Support of Schools for  
the ensuing year and direct how the same  
shall be expended
- Fifth To raise money for the support of Highways  
Town Ways and Bridges and direct how the  
same shall be expended
- Sixth To raise money for the payment of town debts and  
for defraying expenses for the current year
- Seventh To see if the town will accept the report of the  
Selectmen for revising the list of jurors
- Eighth To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer  
to borrow money for the payment of town  
debts, and current expenses

- Ninth To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods
- Tenth To see what disposition the town will make of their Dog Fund
- Eleventh To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to purchase Text Books for the use of the Public Schools
- Twelfth To see if the town will approve the doings of the Selectmen in locating a public highway on the petition of John S. Needham
- Thirteenth To see if the Town will authorize the collector to use the means for collecting taxes, which the town treasurer may use when appointed a collector
- Fourteenth To see what arrangement the town will make with the owner of the Grist Mills for the maintaining of a public highway over the dam of the same
- Fifteenth To see what action the town will take to extend the limits of their burying ground
- Sixteenth To see what sums of money the town will grant and vote for the purpose of keeping in repair or decorating the graves within their limits of soldiers or sailors who have died in the Military or Naval service of the United States, or the Monuments or other memorials erected to their memory
- Seventeenth To see if the town will cause watering troughs to be erected at proper places on the public highways for the convenience of dumb animals
- Eighteenth To see what action the town will take to equalize their valuation for taxation

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the Town Hall at the center Post Office, at the East Bridgfield Post Office



and at Fickett's Mills in said Brimfield seven days  
at least before the time for holding said meeting

Being fail not and make  
due return of this warrant with your doing thereon  
to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said  
meeting

Given under our hands this 23<sup>d</sup> day of  
February in the year one thousand eight hundred  
and seventy four

Jas B. Brown } Selectmen  
Jas S. Blair } of  
A. S. Prouty } Brimfield

Brimfield March 9<sup>th</sup> 1874

I have served the within warrant  
by posting up attested copies of the same as  
therein directed

Henry Newton

Constable of Brimfield

Annual Meeting March 9<sup>th</sup> 1874

The Inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in  
Election and in town affairs assembled at  
the Town Hall in response to the requirements  
of the foregoing warrant, and were called to  
order by the Town Clerk, Henry F. Brown, after  
the reading of the warrant and collector's return  
thereon. The votes were received for a Moderator  
Samuel W. Brown had thirty three votes, all  
that were cast, and he was declared Elected

Moderator

After prayer by Rev  
Webster H. Pierce.

The votes were received for  
Town Clerk Town Clerk, Henry F. Brown had forty two  
all that were cast, and he was declared Elected  
and sworn

Selectman

The votes were then received for a Selectman  
S. W. Brown had one vote, Peter A. Parker  
had two votes, James B. Brown had twenty  
nine votes and was declared Elected

**Selectman** The votes were then received for another Selectman a whole number of votes eighty two, James S. Blair had thirty two votes, and Porter A. Parker had fifty votes and was declared Elected

**Selectman** The votes were then received for a third Selectman a whole number of votes ninety three and were for the following persons for Albert S. Prouty forty three votes, for Moses H. Baker forty nine votes, for Ben Tread ~~one~~ one Moses H. Baker was declared Elected, and James B. Brown Porter A. Parker, & Moses H. Baker were duly sworn as Selectmen

**Assessors** The votes were then received for an Assessor, and were as follows; for A. S. Prouty one vote, for George Bacon thirty one votes, for Daniel Shaw fifty four votes who was declared Elected and duly sworn

**Assessor** The votes were then received for another Assessor and were for the following persons, for S. M. Hitchcock one vote, for M. M. Goodale twenty three votes, for Warren F. Tarbell fifty eight votes, and he was declared Elected and duly sworn

**Assessor** The votes were then received for a third Assessor and were for the following persons, for George Bacon thirty three votes, for Samuel W. Brown fifty votes, and he was declared Elected and duly sworn

**Treasurer** The votes were then received for Treasurer and were for the following persons, for George Bacon and S. W. Brown one vote each, for M. M. Goodale two votes, for S. M. Hitchcock eight votes for Alfred S. Converse forty three votes, and he was Elected and

**School Committee** The votes were then received for School Committee for three years. The votes were for the following persons for Joseph L. Worth two votes, for Newton S. Hubbard thirty six votes, for Miss Ellen S. Shaw forty four votes and she was declared Elected

**Noted** To adjourn for one hour to meet at 1 1/2 o'clock P. M.



Constable

The meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment  
The votes were received for a Constable, George Bacon  
had one vote, Ching Newton had thirteen and was  
declared Elected, and was sworn

Constable

The votes were then received for another Constable  
A. H. Brown had one vote, Francis E. Cook had  
three votes and was declared Elected, and was sworn

Collector

The votes were received for Collector James S. Blair  
had one vote, Warren F. Tarbell had thirty seven  
votes and was declared Elected, and was duly sworn

Fence Viewers

Voted to choose three Fence Viewers all on one ballot  
whole number of ballots cast seven Joseph C.  
Hunter, John W. Browning & Dauphin Brown  
received six votes each and was declared  
elected, and were duly sworn

For Field Viewers

The following officers  
were chosen by nomination from the meeting viz  
George H. Stetson, Byron W. Charles, James Dunham  
Edward Bliss

For Messengers of Wood  
and Bark

Harmon Parker, George M. Hitchcock, David W. Jones  
Darius Shaw, Harmon S. Powers.

For Pound Keeper

Edward Bliss

George Bacon submitted  
the following and moved that it be adopted by the  
town viz: That we have seven Agents chosen by the  
town to repair the Highways (including all the stile  
ways and small Bridges) whose duty it shall be to  
keep the roads in repair by their own labor or by hiring  
help, as they shall be authorized to do when they can obtain  
good help, which can be employed to the advantage,  
of the town. They shall be required to keep a strict  
and accurate account of all labor, materials and  
expenses laid out upon the roads, and bring in to  
the Selectmen their accounts of such labor & expense

at such times as the town shall designate, & it is voted  
to have the roads set off to them in districts by the authority  
of the town, and to be repaired as early in the season as  
the ground is in a suitable condition to work

Brinfield March 7<sup>th</sup> 1874

George Bacon

A majority of  
the town voting against the adoption of the foregoing  
it was not carried

Voted

That a committee of three be appointed to whom  
the subject matter of Article Eleven be referred for  
examination, to report at the adjourned meeting,  
and Sumner Parker, Newton S. Hubbard and Francis C.  
Cook were appointed said committee

Voted

To act on article Sixteenth, and that the Selectmen  
be authorised to purchase land to enlarge the  
burying ground.

Voted

That the Report of the School Committee, Auditors,  
and valuation of the town, and tax for 1873 be  
printed for the use of the town

Voted

That the School Committee, Assessors & Auditors, be  
a committee to carry the foregoing vote into  
effect, and they are authorised to procure  
400 copies

Voted

That the Treasurer be authorised to borrow such  
sums of money as may be needed for the payment  
of town debts and current expenses

Voted

To choose seven Highway Surveyors, and that a  
committee of seven be chosen to nominate  
the same, and J. L. Woods, J. S. Howe,  
W<sup>m</sup> A. Gilbert, W<sup>m</sup> Lumbard, Paul W. Paige,  
David Parker and Albert S. Pease, were chosen  
said committee

Voted

That when this meeting adjourns, it be adjourned to  
to meet on the first Monday of April next at  
one o'clock P. M.



Voted To accept and approve of the report of the Selectmen locating a road on the petition of John S. Needham

Voted To accept the report of the Selectmen revising the list of jurors:

Voted To authorize the collector to use the means for collecting taxes, which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector

Voted To act on article nineteenth, and that the Selectmen be directed to cause watering troughs to be erected at proper places on the public highways for the convenience of dumb animals

Highway Surveyors The committee chosen to nominate seven Highway Surveyors, reported the following names. Asa bel Bennett, Norman S. Powers, Sumner Parker, James W. Buxton, W<sup>m</sup> H. Shumarr, W<sup>m</sup> H. Shaw and Moses H. Baker and they were chosen and all except Norman S. Powers duly sworn

Voted That the <sup>compensation</sup> conditions and restrictions upon the collector of taxes be the same as last year - see pages 165, 149, 136, 110, 54, 29 & 9

Voted That a committee of three be chosen to examine into the rights and liabilities of the town on account of the highway over the dam at the Center Mills so called, and that they be authorized to take legal counsel, and report to the town at an adjourned meeting what course it is expedient for the town to adopt in relation to the same. Henry F. Brown, Darius Shaw and Thomas J. May are were chosen as said committee -

On motion the meeting adjourned

At the adjourned meeting held April 6<sup>th</sup> 1874, the above committee made their report, including the written opinions of Henry Morris Esq and it was voted that the matter be left with the committee to take such action in behalf of the town as they judge to be expedient and proper. Resolved by Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

Adjourned town meeting April 6<sup>th</sup> 1874

The Inhabitants met pursuant to adjournment and voted to choose two Surveyors of Lumber and Alfred E. Pierce and Thomas J. Mayan were elected,

Voted To choose an auditing committee, and Henry H. Brown W<sup>m</sup> H. Shumane and Francis E. Cook were chosen

The Town Clerk reported that Herman S. Powers had neglected to appear to take the oath required of Highway Surveyors and it was

Voted That a committee of three be appointed to recommend a person for the vacancy, and this committee reported the name of Charles Goltis and he was elected and took oath

The Auditing Committee submitted their report in print and the same was accepted by vote of the town

Voted That the report of the School Committee, Auditor's report, and valuation of the town for the ensuing year be printed, in the manner as for the past year

Voted That the compensation of Highway Surveyors be twenty cents an hour

Voted To pass over the tenth article without action

The committee to whom was referred the subject matter of the Eleventh article, made their report, recommending that the School Committee be authorized to purchase Text Books for the use of the schools, and a ~~motion~~ motion was made that the committee be so empowered but it was not adopted,

Voted To pass over the Eighteenth article without action

Voted To remit to W. F. Tarbell the penalty of two dollars for each \$100. of Taxes not paid to the Treasurer previous to July 15<sup>th</sup>



Voted To choose a committee of three to examine and report to the town upon the advisability of changing the time of holding our annual Town Meeting, and proper rules for the management of the same

Voted To raise Two Thousand Dollars for support of Schools, and that the same be appropriated for the wages and board of teachers and for fuel

Voted To raise Six Thousand Dollars and that the same be appropriated as follows;

For Repair of Highways, Two Thousand Dollars	2000
" Support of Bridges, Three Hundred "	300
" Snow Paths Five Hundred "	500
" Repair of School Houses, Six Hundred "	600
" Support of Paupers, One Thousand "	1000
" Salaries Officers, Four Hundred "	400
" Miscellaneous Expenses, Five Hundred "	500
" Discount on Taxes, Five Hundred "	500
" Unusual Expenses, Two Hundred "	200
	<u>\$6000</u>
Add appropriation for Schools	<u>2000</u>
Total	8000

Provided that if Bank Stirk is assessed away from the town and the tax returned the same as was done last year, the Assessors shall assess one Thousand Dollars less than the above amount upon the polls and estates

Voted That of the \$2000, raised and appropriated for repair of highways, the Selectmen be directed to assign to each surveyor such sum as they judge to be required for his district, these amounts in the aggregate not to exceed two thirds of the sum (\$2000.) raised, and request that the surveyors expend the same previous to the first of July next if required on their respective sections

Second Each surveyor is requested to report to the Selectmen at each monthly meeting, presenting his bill for services rendered, and bills paid

Third On the first of July next, or as soon after as may be done, the Selectmen, after such examination of the roads, and the bills for work done, as they find to be necessary, will make such further assignment of the labor and the expense, as they judge to be needed.

Voted That the Selectmen be directed to allow no bill against the town except upon a voucher presented, showing when, by whom and for what purpose the expense was incurred, with all the items necessary for a full and proper understanding of the same.

Town Offices for 1874

Town Clerk Henry F. Brown

Joseph C. Hunter  
 John W. Brown  
 Lauphin Brown

James B. Brown  
Selectman Porter A. Parker

Moses. H. Baker      Field Driver      George A. Stetson

	Darius Shaw	Summer Parker
Assessors	Warren F. <sup>W</sup> arbell	Measurers of George M. Hitchcock
	Samuel W. Brown	Wood & Bark David W. Jones
		Darius Shaw

Treasurer Alfred L. Converse

Pound Keeper Edward Bliss

School term for 3 years Ellen P. Shaw

Constables Cherry Newton  
Francis E. Cook

Surveyors Thomas J. Morgan  
of Alfred C. Price  
Lumber

Asahel Bennet  
Charles Collier

Henry F. Howe  
Auditing Com W<sup>th</sup> H. Sherman  
Francis C. Cook

Highway — Charles Colles  
Summer Parker

James H. Buxton

Recorded

Surgeons

Wm. H. Sharma

Wm. H. Shaw

Moses H. Baker

By Henry H. Brown  
Town Clerk



Cambridge Jr.

To Henry Weston Constable of the  
town of Brimfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts you are required to notify and  
warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield  
qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs  
to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield  
on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September next at  
one o'clock in the afternoon then and there  
to act on the following articles viz;

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To see if the town will approve the doings  
of the Selectmen in laying out a sewer as  
petitioned for by Amos Munroe and others,  
leading from land of W. F. Robinson or Geo. W.  
Lapham across the public highway to land  
of Geo. F. Chamberlain, and thence across  
said Chamberlain's land to the town brook

Third To see if the town will authorize the  
Selectmen to provide for proper drainage  
as asked for in the petition of Amos Munroe  
and others, either by contract with the owners  
of private property or otherwise

And you are directed  
to serve this warrant by posting up attested  
copies of the same, one at the Town Hall, one  
at the center Post-Office, one at East Brimfield  
Post-Office, and one at Forks Mills in said  
Brimfield seven days at least before the time  
for holding said meeting

Whereof fail not and make  
due return of this warrant with your  
doings thence to the Town Clerk at the  
time and place of holding said meeting

Given under our hands this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August in the  
year one Thousand Eight and seventy four

James B. Brown, Selectman  
P. A. Parker } of  
M. H. Baker } Brimfield

Brimfield Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1874

I have served the within warrant  
by posting attested copies of the same as within directed  
Henry Hutton, Constable of Brimfield

Brimfield Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1874.

The Inhabitants of Brimfield met at  
the Town Hall in obedience to the foregoing warrant.  
warrant read by the Town Clerk, and it was

Voted To choose a Moderator by nomination and Samuel  
W. Brown was chosen

James B. Brown chairman of  
the Selectmen read their report laying out a  
sewer as petitioned for by Amos Munroe & others

4 Mr. G. Solander moved to accept the report of the  
Selectmen, which motion was withdrawn and  
the second article passed over

Voted On motion of P. W. Paige, that the Selectmen be  
authorized to provide proper drainage as asked  
for by Amos Munroe and others, and that they  
endeavor to accomplish the same without  
interfering with private rights

Voted that this meeting  
adjourn for one week to meet at one P. M.

September 12<sup>th</sup> 1874 Met pursuant to adjournment

Voted To postpone the second article without action

Voted That the selectmen cause the drain to be  
constructed this season

Voted That the meeting be dissolved and it was so done  
Attest, Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk



Hampden Co. To Henry Newton Constable of the town of Springfield  
in said County

Meeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants  
of the town of Springfield qualified to vote in Elections and  
in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Springfield  
on Tuesday the 3 day of November next at 10 o'clock  
in the forenoon, and at half past ten o'clock at which  
time the polls will be opened to bring in their votes  
to the Selectmen who will preside at said meeting  
for Governor, Lieut Governor, one Councillor for Councillor  
District N<sup>o</sup> 8, Secretary, Treasurer & Receiver General  
Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General of the Commonwealth,  
Senator for first Hampden District, Sheriff for  
Hampden County, one County Commissioner and  
Two Special Commissioners for Hampden County  
District Attorney for the Western District, One  
Representative to Congress from the eleventh  
Congressional District, and one Representative  
for District N<sup>o</sup> 1 in Hampden County to  
represent said District in the next General  
Court of this Commonwealth, all on one  
Ballot

The Selectmen fix the time for closing  
the Polls at 3 o'clock P. M.

And you are hereby directed  
to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies  
thereof at the Town Hall, at the center Post Office  
at the East Springfield Post Office and at  
Foskets Mills in said Springfield seven days  
at least before the time for holding said meeting

And you are hereby directed  
to make due return of this warrant with your  
doings thereon to the Selectmen, on or before the  
day of holding said meeting, Given under our hands  
this nineteenth day of October in the year one  
thousand eight hundred and seventy four

Jas B. Brown } Selectmen  
P. A. Parker } Springfield

Brinsfield Nov 3, 1874

Hampden ss

I have served the within warrant by  
posting up attested copies thereof as within directed  
Cheney Newton, Constable

Annual Election November 3, 1875

The inhabitants of Brinsfield  
qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs  
met at the Town Hall in obedience to the foregoing  
warrant, and were called to order by the chairman  
of the Selectmen James B. Brown at 10 o'clock and 37  
minutes in the forenoon, after the reading of the  
warrant, the polls were opened for the reception of votes  
and were kept open until 3 o'clock and 10 min P. M.  
when no one objecting they were closed, and the  
were sorted, counted and declared in open town meeting  
and were as follows

- For Governor William Gaston of Boston had One Hundred & twenty one votes  
Thomas Talbot of Belerica had seventy four votes
- For Lieut Governor William L. Smith of Springfield had One Hundred & sixteen votes  
Horatio S. Knight of Easthampton had Seventy nine votes
- For Secretary of State Oliver Warner of Northampton had one hundred & seventy eight votes  
Benjamin F. Mills of Williamstown had one hundred & seventeen votes
- For Treasurer Charles Adams Jr of North Brookfield had Seventy eight votes  
Nathan Clark of Lynn had one hundred & seventeen votes
- For Auditor Charles Endicott of Canton had Seventy eight votes  
A. Asgood Morse of Newburyport had one hundred & seventeen votes
- For Attorney General Charles K. Train of Boston had Seventy eight votes  
Waldo Coburn of Dedham had one hundred & seventeen votes
- For Member of Congress, George Alexander Jr of Springfield had twenty eight votes
- For District Atty General Chester W. Chapin of Springfield had one hundred & sixty two votes  
M. P. Knowlton of Springfield had one vote



- For Councillor. E. B. Brewster of Worthington had Seventy eight votes  
 District N<sup>o</sup> 5 Harvey Arnold of N. Adams had One hundred & seventeen votes
- For District Attorney Benjamin A. Leonard of Springfield had Seventy seven votes  
 E. B. Lathrop of Springfield had One hundred & eighteen votes
- For Senator George S. Hyde of Springfield had seventy seven votes  
 John W. Phelps of Springfield " One hundred & eighteen votes
- For Sheriff Addison M. Bradley of Springfield had Eighty votes  
 A. B. Lewis of Springfield had One hundred & fifteen votes
- For County Commissioner James C. Loomis of Palmer had seventy seven votes  
 John O. Donnell of Holyoke had one hundred & seventeen votes
- For Special Commissioners S. S. Southworth of Chicopee had Seventy seven votes  
 George W. Turner of Westfield " Seventy seven votes  
 S. C. Spellman of Wilbraham " One hundred & eighteen votes  
 Roland Parks of Russell had One hundred & eighteen votes
- For Commissioners of Insolvency Joseph Murray of Holyoke had Seventy seven votes  
 James B. Allen of Palmer had Seventy seven votes  
 H. W. Bosworth of Springfield had Seventy seven votes  
 Abel H. Calhoun of Longmeadow had One hundred & eighteen votes  
 Luther B. Bliss of Wilbraham had One hundred & eighteen votes  
 W. J. Quin of Holyoke had One hundred & eighteen votes
- For Representative District N<sup>o</sup> 1 James Tufts of Monroeville had Seventy five votes  
 Daniel B. Green of Monroeville had One hundred & nineteen votes
- After the public declaration of the aforesaid votes, on motion of F. E. Cook the meeting adjourned to the Selectmen's Room where after making out signing, and sealing up the returns of the foregoing votes, also the ballots cast and the voting list, on motion made and carried the meeting was dissolved.
- A true copy of the warrant and proceedings thereon, Attest, Henry Thross  
 Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Town Clerks of Representative District number one in Massachusetts County held at the Selectmen's room in Brimfield on Wednesday Nov 4<sup>th</sup> in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy four at noon for the purpose of examining the returns of votes cast in the several towns in said District for Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts.

The whole number of votes returned was Seven Hundred and fifty nine, and were for the following persons viz:

For Daniel S. Green of Monson Four Hundred and four.

For James Tufts of Monson, Three Hundred and fifty five

Daniel S. Green of Monson having a plurality of the votes cast was declared Elected

Henry F. Brown. Town Clerk of Brimfield  
 F. E. Henney " " " Holland  
 A. A. Gage " " " Monson  
 H. H. Haradon " " " Wales

### Vote of the several towns

Daniel S. Green James Tufts

Monson	184	193
Brimfield	119	75
Wales	61	72
Holland	40	15
	404	355

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown  
 Town Clerk



Warrant for Annual Meeting Mar 8<sup>th</sup> 1875  
Hampden Co

To Henry Newton Constable of <sup>the town</sup> Brimfield  
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March next at 10.0 clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles viz;

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Second To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, also all committees and agents that the business of the town may require
- Third To hear reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee and agents and others chosen by the town and act thereon
- Fourth To raise money for the support of schools for the support of Schools, and direct how the same shall be expended
- Fifth To raise money for the support of Highways, Town Ways and Bridges and direct how the same shall be expended
- Sixth To raise money for the payment of town debts, and to defray expenses for the current year
- Seventh To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen for revising the list of jurors
- Eighth To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of town debts, and to defray current expenses

- Ninth To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods.
- Tenth To see what disposition the town will make of their Dog fund
- Eleventh To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the measures for collecting taxes which Treasurers may use when appointed collector
- Twelfth To see if the town will change the time for holding their Annual Meetings, and change their manner of calling the same
- Thirteenth To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to purchase Globes and other School Apparatus for the use of their public Schools

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, one each at the Town Hall at the center Post Office and at Fosbette's Mills and by mailing a copy to East Brimfield Post Office seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 22 day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy five

At B. Brown, Selectman  
P.A. Brown of  
M.B. Baber, Brimfield

Hampden Co. Brimfield March 8<sup>th</sup> 1875

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Town Hall, at the center Post Office, and at Fosbette's Mills and by mailing one to East Brimfield Post Office as within directed

Chas Newton, Constable of Brimfield



# Annual Meeting March 8<sup>th</sup> 1875

Moderator

Meeting called to order by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk after the reading of the warrant. The votes were received for Moderator, whole number of votes twenty seven, Francis S. Lincoln had thirteen votes, Samuel W. Brown had fourteen votes and was declared Elected.

Prayer was offered by Rev W. H. Pierce

Moved.

B. F. E. took that the meeting be adjourned to one o'clock P. M., not carried

Town Clerk

The votes were then received for Town Clerk whole number of votes twenty nine S. M. Hitchcock and S. W. Brown had each one vote. Henry F. Brown had twenty seven votes and was declared Elected

Moved

On motion of F. S. Lincoln that we proceed to elect a board of three Selectmen

Selectman

And votes were received for one selectman Warren F. Tarbell had fifteen votes, Newton S. Hubbard had twenty eight votes, and was declared Elected

Selectman

The votes were then received for another selectman Porter A. Parker had forty two votes all that were cast and was Elected

Selectman

The votes were then received for a third selectman whole number of votes twenty nine. S. M. Hitchcock had one vote, Moses H. Baker had twenty eight votes and was declared elected, and Newton S. Hubbard, Porter A. Parker & Moses H. Baker were duly sworn as Selectmen.

Assessors

The votes were then received for an Assessor whole number of votes, forty two. W. F. Tarbell had twenty votes, Darius Shaw had twenty two votes and was declared Elected, and sworn

Assessor

The votes were then received for another assessor

whole number cast fifty four, W. F. Tarbell had two votes, W<sup>m</sup> H. Shumman had twenty five votes and Samuel W. Brown had twenty seven votes and was declared Elected and sworn

*Assessor* The votes were then received for a third assessor whole number of votes forty, W. F. Tarbell had one vote, W<sup>m</sup> H. Shumman had two votes, Henry Newton had thirty seven votes and was declared Elected, and sworn

*Treasurer* The votes were then received for Treasurer whole number of votes, fourteen for L. Woods had one vote, Alfred L. Bonase had thirteen and was declared Elected, and duly sworn

*School Committee* The votes were then received for a School Committee for three years, whole number of votes forty four, W. F. Tarbell had twenty two votes, Joseph L. Woods had twenty two votes and it was declared, no choice,

*Voted* To postpone the election of school-committee until after the election of Constables

*Voted* To pass over the election of Fence Viewers,

*Constable* The votes were then received for a Constable, Henry Newton had nine votes all that were cast and was declared Elected, and sworn

*Constable* The votes were then received for another Constable Francis C. Cook had three votes all that were cast and was declared Elected, and duly sworn

*Voted* At at twenty five minutes past 12. o. clock, noon, to adjourn for one hour.

And the meeting was so adjourned

Met pursuant to adjournment

*Voted* That the Selectmen be authorized to appoint one or more persons who by virtue of their appointment shall have authority to grant permits to the Almshouse for Tramps or travelling paupers and the Selectmen shall make such compensation to the persons appointed as they deem proper & just



**School Committee** The votes were then received for School Committee for three years, whole number of votes thirty seven. Ous C. Parker had 2, votes, Joseph L. Woods had eight votes. Rev W. H. Pierce had twenty seven votes and was declared Elected.

**Voted** To postpone the election of Highway Surveyors to adjourned meeting in April.

The following persons were chosen to the offices hereafter designated by nomination from the meeting.

**Voted** To choose one Measurer of Wood and Bark and Henry F. Brown was chosen.

**Voted** To choose three additional Measurers of Wood and Bark, Thomas J. Morgan, Lucius C. Benton and Edwin A. James were chosen.

**Pound Keeper** Edward Bliss was chosen Pound Keeper.

**Surveyors of Lumber** Thomas J. Morgan and Charles W. Fosket were chosen Surveyors of Lumber, and Joos.

**Sealer of Leather** Augustus Wheeler was chosen Sealer of Leather.

**Voted** To proceed to the election of Collector of Taxes by ballot, and

The votes were received for Collector whole number of votes twenty five, H. F. Brown and W. H. Pierce had one vote each, J. S. Blair and C. Newton had two each, Warren F. Tarbell had nineteen and was declared elected, Mr Tarbell declining to serve as collector another ballot was had for collector.

**Collector** Whole number of votes twenty nine, F. E. Cook had one vote, J. S. Blair had twelve votes, Cherry Newton had sixteen votes and was declared Elected, and was duly sworn.

**List of names** The report of the Selectmen revising the list of

was read, F. C. Cook stated that Joseph B. Hunter wished his name taken from the list and it was

*jurors*  
*Noted* That the list be referred to the Selectmen for revision. the Selectmen reported the following list and it was adopted, viz Albert S. Prouty, Charles Collins, Dwight S. Allen, Elijah Allen, Alfred L. Converse, John F. Lombard, William S. James, Arthur B. Brown, John L. Bacon, George M. Upham, James Hayes, Horace E. James, Thomas J. Morgan, Samuel W. Brown, John B. Spring, George M. Hitchcock

*Noted* That the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the payment of town debts and to defray current expenses

*Noted* That the compensation of collector of Taxes be Fifty dollars subject to the following conditions and restrictions. he shall give bonds to the town for the faithful discharge of his duties, he shall collect and pay over to the Treasurer of the town on or before the first day of September next all the Poll Taxes, unless for good and sufficient reasons the Assessors shall allow him further time on the same, and one half the tax on real and personal estate, and shall during the first week of every month pay, to the Treasurer all monies which he shall have collected, except so much as he shall collect for the County Tax which shall be paid to the County Treasurer at the time specified in his warrant, he shall make a discount of six per cent to all those who pay their tax in full previous to September 1, 1875, and a discount of four per cent to those who pay their tax in full between the said first day of September and the first day of January 1876, and upon all taxes which remain unpaid at the last date, he shall charge and collect interest at the rate of seven &  $\frac{3}{10}$  per cent per cent per annum until the same are paid, and shall make a final settlement with the Town Treasurer on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February next, failing so to do his compensation shall



be lessened at the rate of two dollars for every one hundred then remaining outstanding. Besides he shall not be entitled to any compensation until he completes his collections and makes a final settlement with the Treasurer.

*Noted* That the collector be authorized to use all the means for collecting taxes. That Town Treasurers may use when acting as collectors.

*Noted* That a committee of three be appointed to ascertain the amount of the Dog Fund and report to the town what disposition should be made of the same. J<sup>r</sup> L. Wood, F. C. Cook, M. F. Brown, S. W. Brown and H. S. Hubbard Committee

*Noted* That when this meeting adjourns it shall be adjourned to meet on the first Monday in April at one o'clock P. M.

*Moved* By George Bacon to change the time of holding the Annual Meeting from the second Monday in March to the first Monday in April, not carried

*Noted* On motion of F. C. Cook that a committee of three be appointed to consider & report what action should be taken under the 12<sup>th</sup> article F. C. Cook, J<sup>r</sup> B. Brown & A. L. Converse, appointed

*Noted* To adjourn  
And the meeting was adjourned

Adjourned town meeting April 5<sup>th</sup> 1875  
Not pursuant to adjournment; and it was

*Noted* That the Moderator nominate the committee to settle with Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor and he nominated, Henry F. Brown, Ous E. Parker and Oscar F. Brown and they were chosen

Voted To choose seven Highway Surveyors

Voted That the Moderator appoint a committee of five to nominate the persons for the office of Highway Surveyors, and he appointed F. D. Lincoln, J. S. Blair, L. C. Fenton Dwight P. Allen and James M. Burston as said committee who after consultation reported the following as suitable persons to be chosen Highway Surveyors viz;  
 Aschel. C. Bennett, Newton S. Hubbard, Joseph Stebbins  
 Albert S. Prouty, Norman S. Powers, William H. Sherman and John C. Spring and they were chosen and all except A. S. Prouty duly sworn

Voted That the vote accepting the list of jurors be reconsidered

Voted On request of John C. Spring, that his name be stricken from the list

Voted To accept the list as amended—

The committee to settle with the Town Treasurer submitted their report in print and it was

Voted To accept the report of the Committee to settle with the Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor,

Voted That the reports of the School Committee, Assessors, and Auditing Committee for the current year be printed as for last year.

The committee chosen to ascertain the amount of the Day Fund reported the amount of same to be \$502.22 and recommended that it be appropriated for a Public Library.

Voted To pass over the 10<sup>th</sup> article without acting on the same



Voted To raise Seven Thousand dollars and that the same be appropriated as follows;	
For Schools, wages and board of Teachers & for fuel	\$ 2000
For Repair of Highways	1800
" Support " Bridges	200
" Snow Pests	300
" Repair of School Houses	200
" Support of Paupers	1200
" Officers Salaries	400
" Miscellaneous Expenses	300
" Discount on Taxes	400
" Unmired Expenses	200
Total	\$ 7,000,

Provided, that if the Bank and Corporation Tax is assessed, collected and distributed in the same manner as last year the Assessors shall assess Eight Hundred dollars \$800, less than the above amount upon the polls and estates

Voted That the appropriations for Highways be subject to the same conditions as voted last year

Voted That the School Committee be authorized to expend such sum as may be necessary not to exceed Two Hundred <sup>dollars</sup> to supply the Schools, with Globes, Maps and other apparatus

The chairman of the Selectmen read a letter asking aid from the town for Mrs A. J. Hooker

Voted That the case of Mrs Hooker be referred to the Overseers of the Poor, with the recommendation that they employ Capt F. D. Lincoln to investigate the matter

Voted To not enforce the penalty of Two dollars per hundred for amount of taxes not collected previous to Feby 15<sup>th</sup>

Voted That the vote passed March 8<sup>th</sup> refusing

to change the time of holding the Annual Meeting from second Monday in March to first Monday in April, be reconsidered

Voted That hereafter the Annual Meeting be held on the first Monday of April in each year

Voted That the rule for warning town meetings be amended by striking out Parksville Post Office as one of the places where copy of warrant to be mailed

Voted On motion of N. F. Robinson that a committee of of three be chosen to examine the Alms House and report what alterations, if any, should be made in the same to secure proper accommodations for its inmates and report at some future meeting, Nathan F. Robinson Sumner Parker and Newton S. Hubbard

A true copy of the warrant and record of proceedings under the same

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



# Town Officers for 1875

Who accepted the offices to which they were chosen, all of whom, an oath of office is required, having been duly sworn

Town Clerk Henry F. Brown Messrs Thomas J. Morgan  
Wood F. Bach Lustin C. Linton

Selectmen Newton S. Hubbard  
Porter A. Parker Collector Cherry Newton  
Moses H. Baker

Assessors Larius Shaw Tax Collector Joseph C. Hunter  
Samuel W. Brown John W. Browning  
Cherry Newton Dauphin Brown

Town Treasurer Alfred L. Converse Pound Keeper Edward Bliss

School Committee for 3 yrs Rev W. H. Pierce Seal of Leather Augustus Wheeler

Constables Cherry Newton Surveyors Thomas J. Morgan  
Francis C. Cook Lintner Charles W. Fosket

Arsabel C. Bennett Auditing Com Henry F. Brown  
Norman S. Powers Oscar F. Brown  
Ous C. Parker

Highway Newton S. Hubbard  
Surveyors Josiah Stebbins Committee Nathan F. Robinson  
Wm H. Sherman on Sumner Parker  
John C. Spring Alms House Newton S. Hubbard  
Albert S. Prouty #

Recorded

By Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

Warrant for town meeting November 1, 1875  
Hampden Co.

To Henry Weston, Constable of the town of Springfield  
in said County. Meeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the  
the inhabitants of the town of Springfield qualified to vote in  
Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall  
in said Springfield, on Tuesday the second (2<sup>d</sup>) day of  
of November next at ten o'clock, at which time the  
Polls will be opened, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen  
who will preside at said meeting, for Governor, Lieut Governor,  
one Councillor for each of the Districts N<sup>o</sup> 8, Secretary, Treasurer

Receiver General, Auditors of Accounts, Attorney General  
of the Commonwealth, Senator for First Hampshire District  
One County Commissioner for Hampshire County, and  
and one Representative for District N<sup>o</sup> 1 in Hampshire County  
to represent said District in the next General Court of  
this Commonwealth, all on one ballot,

Also to  
transact the following town business.

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To see what action the town will take with regard  
to Mrs. Andrew J. Mooser

The Selectmen fix the  
time of closing the Polls at half past two o'clock  
P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant  
by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall,  
at the center Post Office, and to mail one to the  
East Springfield Post Office seven days at least  
before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not  
and make due return of this warrant with  
your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or  
before the time of holding said meeting

Given under



our hands this nineteenth day of October  
in the year one thousand eight hundred  
and seventy five

M. H. Bullard - Selectman  
P. A. Parker } of  
M. H. Baker } Brimfield

Marshall J. Brimfield Nov 2<sup>d</sup> 1875

I have served the within warrant by posting  
attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall  
one at the center Post Office and by mailing  
one to the East Brimfield Post Office seven  
days before the time of holding said meeting

Cheney Weston

Constable of Brimfield

Annual Election, November 2, 1875

The inhabitants of Brimfield  
qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs  
met at the Town Hall in accordance with the  
requirements of the foregoing warrant, and were  
called to order by the chairman of the Selectmen,  
at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock in the forenoon, after the reading  
of the warrant the polls were opened for the  
reception of votes, the polls were kept open  
until two o'clock and 45 minutes <sup>3 PM</sup> when they were  
closed in accordance with a vote of the  
meeting, and the votes were sorted, counted  
and declaration made in open town meeting  
and were as follows;

For Governor

Alexander H. Rice of Boston had Eighty eight votes  
William Gaston of Boston had Sixty eight votes  
Charles Francis Adams of Quincy had three votes  
John S. Baker of Beverly had one vote

For Lieut. Governor

Horatio S. Knight of Easthampton had Eighty eight votes  
John Quincy Adams of Quincy had Sixty eight votes

For Secretary of State Henry B. Pierce of Abington had Eighty eight votes  
George M. Munroe of Boston had Sixty eight votes

For State Treasurer Charles Endicott of Canton had Eighty eight votes  
Weston Howland of Fairhaven had Sixty eight votes

For Auditor Julius S. Clark of Newton had Eighty eight votes  
John C. Fitzgerald of Boston had Sixty eight votes

For Attorney General Charles B. Train of Boston had Eighty nine votes  
George F. Berry of Worcester had Sixty seven votes

For Councillor Eighth District William C. Plunkett of South Adams had Eighty eight votes  
George S. Rice of North Adams had Sixty eight votes

For Senator Tilly Maynes of Springfield had Eighty nine votes  
James Kirkham of Springfield had Sixty seven votes

For County Commissioner Lucius F. Thayer of Westfield had Eighty eight votes  
J. B. Churchill of Agawam had Sixty eight votes

For Representatives to General Court  
Hiram M. Reynolds of Monsore had Eighty two votes  
Darius Shaw of Brimfield had Sixty nine votes  
Cherry Newton of Brimfield had one vote

After the public declaration of the aforesaid votes, on motion made and voted the meeting was adjourned to the Selectmen's room

Where after making out, signing and sealing up the return of the foregoing votes, also the ballots cast, and the voting list, an motion made by C. C. Tarbell it was voted to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned

During the meeting aforesaid, the polls for the reception of votes being kept open under the charge of the Selectmen. The Town Clerk called attention to the articles in the warrant for the transaction of town



business and it was voted to choose a  
moderator by nomination and James B. Brown  
was nominated and chosen

Noted On motion of Sumner Parker to pass over the  
second Article without action

Noted That the meeting for the transaction of town  
business be dissolved and it was done

A true copy of the warrant, collector's return,  
and record of the proceedings of the  
meeting

Attest

Henry H. Brown  
Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Town Clerks of Representative District number One in Hampden County held at the Selectmen's room in Brimfield on Wednesday November third in the year A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy five. at noon. for the purpose of receiving the returns of votes cast in the several towns in said District for Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts

The whole number of votes returned was Six Hundred and Eighty four and were for the following persons viz;

For Hiram M. Reynolds of Monson Four Hundred and forty four

For Darius Shaw of Brimfield Two Hundred and thirty nine

For Cheney Newton of Brimfield one vote

Hiram M. Reynolds of Monson having a plurality of the votes cast was declared Elected

Henry F. Brown. Town Clerk of Brimfield  
A. A. Gay " " " Monson  
W. W. Haradon " " " Wales  
F. E. Kinney " " " Holland

### Vote of the several towns

	Hiram M. Reynolds	Darius Shaw	Cheney Newton
Monson	287	69	
Wales	47	51	
Holland	28	30	
Brimfield	82	69	1
	444	239	1

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



Warrent for Annual Meeting Monday April 3, 1876  
 Hampden Co

To Charles Norton, Constable of the  
 Town of Brimfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth  
 of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn  
 the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified  
 to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at  
 the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the 3<sup>d</sup>  
 day of April next at ten o'clock in the forenoon  
 then and there to act on the following articles viz:

- First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting
- Second To choose all necessary town officers for the year  
 ensuing, also all agents and committees the  
 of the town may require
- Third To hear reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the  
 Poor, School Committee and heretofore chosen and  
 act thereon
- Fourth To raise money for the support of schools for  
 the ensuing year and direct how the same  
 shall be expended
- Fifth To raise money for the support of Highways,  
 Town-ways and Bridges and direct how the  
 same shall be expended
- Sixth To see what action the town will take to carry  
 into effect the provisions of Chap 262 acts of  
 1873, concerning truant children and absentees  
 from school
- Seventh To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen  
 to arrange with George Bacon to erect a movable  
 fence on the line of his land against the Wales road,
- Eighth To see if the town will erect a fence around  
 the lower Common, or pay any part of the  
 expense of building a fence around the  
 same

Ninth

To see if the town will (upon the petition of P. F. Wight, David A. Moulton, Walter Haynes and others) take any measures to re-open the old road running from the Hollow road near the school-house to the old road leading from Brimfield to Wales, and crossing between the house of David A. Moulton and Wm. Balliett, and make such alterations in said road as the town may think proper

Tenth

To raise money to defray expenses for the current year

Eleventh

To see if the town will accept the report of the of the Selectmen in revising the list of jurors.

Twelfth

To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money to defray current expenses.

Thirteenth

To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods

Fourteenth

To see what disposition the town will make of the Dog Fund.

Fifteenth

To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector.

And you are directed to serve

this warrant by posting attested copies one at the Town Hall, one at the center Post Office, and making one to East Brimfield Post Office seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and

make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting

Given under our hands this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy six

H. S. Hubbard of Selectmen  
P. A. Parker }  
M. H. Baker } of Brimfield

Warrant of

I have served the within warrant by posting attested

copies thereof one at the Town Hall, one at the center Post Office and

one at the East Brimfield Post Office and one at Foshote Mills

as within directed. Cherry Norton, Constable of Brimfield



Monday April 3, 1876

Moderator

The voters of Brimfield assembled agreeably to the requirement of the foregoing warrant, after the reading of this warrant by the Town Clerk, the votes were received for a Moderator. Samuel W. Brown had forty nine votes all that were cast and he was elected.

Prayer was offered by Rev W. H. Peirce

Town Clerk

The votes were then received for Town Clerk Henry F. Brown had sixty five votes all that were cast and he was declared elected.

Previous to the election of Selectmen Henry F. Brown gave notice that at the proper time he should move to choose a board of Overseers of the Poor.

Selectman

The votes were then received for one Selectman whole number of votes ninety Newton S. Hubbard had thirty four votes and James B. Brown had fifty six votes and was elected.

Selectman

The votes were then received for another Selectman whole number of votes ninety seven, James B. Brown and James S. Blair had one vote each, Porter A. Parker had forty votes, Newton S. Hubbard had fifty five votes and was elected.

Selectman

The votes were then received for another Selectman, whole number of votes ninety seven, George Dunham had eight votes, Moses M. Baker had thirty votes, and Porter A. Parker had fifty nine votes and was elected.

And James B. Brown, Newton S. Hubbard and Porter A. Parker were duly sworn as Selectmen for the current year

Assessor

The votes were then received for an Assessor whole number of votes ninety five, — Cook had one vote, O. E. Parker had two votes and Henry Newton having ninety two votes was declared elected.

Assessor

The votes were then received for another Assessor whole number of votes one hundred and sixteen. H. F. Tisdell had one vote, Orus E. Parker had forty two votes, and Samuel W. Brown had seventy three votes and was elected.

Assessor

The votes were then received for a third Assessor whole number of votes eighty four. Orus E. Parker and George Dunham had two votes each, George M. Hitchcock had eighty votes and was elected

And Chiny Newton.

Samuel W. Brown and George M. Hitchcock were duly sworn as Assessors for the current year.

Treasurer

The votes were then received for Treasurer. whole number of votes twenty six — Woods had one vote, George M. Hitchcock had eight votes, Alfred L. Converse had seventeen votes and was elected.

School Committee  
for  
Three Years

The votes were then received for a School Committee for three years, whole number of votes One Hundred and nine. Ephraim W. Norwood had thirty four votes, Joseph L. Woods had seventy five votes and was elected

Told

At 12 o'clock 5 minutes noon, to adjourn for one hour and the meeting was so adjourned.

The voters assembled

pursuant to adjournment

Constable

The votes were then received for a Constable whole number of votes twenty three Chiny Newton had five votes, and Francis E. Cook had eighteen votes and was elected.

The votes were then received for another Constable whole number of votes fifteen. W<sup>m</sup> S. James and B. W. Charles had one vote each E. W. Norwood and E. Allen had two votes each, M. M. Baker had four votes, Chiny Newton had five votes and was declared elected, but wishing to be excused from serving his request was granted.

And

the votes were received for another Constable, whole



Constable

number of votes forty one. George M. Hitchcock had one vote, E. W. Norwood had two votes, W. F. Tarbell had nine votes, Moses H. Baker had twenty nine votes and he was elected,

And Francis E. Cook

and Moses H. Baker were duly sworn as Constables for the current year, Mr Cook stating to the town that he would accept the office only upon the understanding that he would not be expected or required to give bonds to do civil business

Fence Viewers

On motion to that effect it was voted to pass over the election of Fence Viewers,

Collector

The votes were then received for a Collector of Taxes whole number of votes, 27, George M. Hitchcock F. E. Cook E. W. Norwood and B. W. Charles had one vote each, W. F. Tarbell had three votes, and Henry Newton had twenty votes and was elected,

Voted

To choose eight Highway Surveyors,

Voted

That the Moderator appoint a committee of eight to nominate eight Highway surveyors, and W<sup>m</sup> A. Gilbert, Dwight P. Allen, Edward W. Potter, Francis E. Cook, James H. Buxton, Norman S. Powers, Stephen Brown and Miles Booth were appointed said committee

Who reported the following persons for Highway Surveyors viz:

Highway Surveyors

Asahel C. Bennett

Norman S. Powers

W. F. Tarbell

Miles Booth

Alfred Lumbard

James H. Buxton

Newton S. Hubbard

Austin Woodard

James H. Buxton

asked to be excused from serving as Highway Surveyor and his request was granted and Wilbur C. Parker was elected to fill the vacancy

*Noted* On motion of Francis D. Lincoln that the Highway Surveyors be allowed to pay not to exceed fifteen cents an hour for a man and not to exceed twenty <sup>cents</sup> for a horse and <sup>tools</sup> for work on the highways.

W<sup>m</sup> A. Gilbert moved to reconsider the above vote fixing the pay for labor on the highways, but the motion did not prevail.

*Noted* That the pay of Highway Surveyors be fifteen cents an hour for the time employed in the discharge of the duties of their office.

The following officers were elected by nomination viz

For Pound Keeper, Edward Bliss

For Dealer of Leather Augustus Wheeler

For Surveyor of Lumber Porter A. Parker

For Surveyors of Wood and Bark

James T. Brown  
George M. Hitchcock, Charles Barney  
Amos Munroe Norman S. Powers

For Auditing Committee, Henry T. Brown

Oscar F. Brown and Orus B. Parker

On motion of F. D. Lincoln

*Resolved* As the sense of the town, that the following town officers viz; Selectmen, Assessors and School Committee should receive the sum of two dollars per day for their services for the year ensuing.

*Noted* To choose three Overseers of the Poor.

Also that the chair appoint a committee of three to nominate the same and Francis D. Lincoln, H. F. Robinson and Warren H. Cabell were appointed, said committee, who afterwards reported the following persons for Overseers of Poor viz; Sumner Parker, Porter A. Parker and Cheney Newton, and they were elected,



Cheney Newton asking to be excused from serving as Overseer of Poor his request was granted, and the committee requested to nominate for the vacancy.

Voted

That when this adjourns it be adjourned to meet on Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> at one o'clock P. M.

Jurors

Article eleventh in the warrant being under consideration, James Reed Brown requested that his name be removed from the list of jurors reported by the Selectmen and his request was granted, and the list of jurors reported by the Selectmen was accepted with that exception.

Road from  
Hollow  
to  
Baynes Hill

Article ninth being under consideration the petition was read, without taking action on the same, on motion of Cheney Newton it was voted that it be laid on table

Voted

Article sixth being under consideration it was on motion that the subject matter thereof be referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the chair, to consider and report to the town at the adjourned meeting what action is needed. Joseph L. Woods, Newton S. Hubbard and Francis E. Cook were appointed said committee

Voted

To make the following appropriations for the ensuing year viz:

For wages & board of school teachers, fuel for, and care of school-houses	1800 00
For support of highways	1500 00
" " " Bridges	100 00
" Snow Paths	200 00
" repair of School-Houses	100 00
" support of paupers	1000 00
" officers salaries	400 00
" Miscellaneous expenses	300 00
" Discount \$350, unusual expenses \$150.	500 00
	<u>\$5900, 00</u>

Noted That the Treasurer be authorised to borrow money for the purpose named in Article 12<sup>th</sup> if it is necessary -

Noted That the collector be authorised and directed to allow the same discount on taxes paid at certain periods as was allowed last year and as stated in the conditions for collection of taxes

W<sup>m</sup> A. Silbut moved that the amount of the Dog Fund be added to the appropriation for support of schools

On motion of Henry F. Brown

Noted That the above motion be postponed to the adjourned meeting.

The committee appointed to nominate Overseers of Poor reported the name of James S. Blair to fill the vacancy.

Without acting on their report, the meeting on motion made and voted was adjourned.

Adjourned meeting Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> 1876

The meeting was

called to order by the Moderator, S. W. Brown.

Field Drivers voted to elect five Field Drivers and Daniel Haynes, Oscar E. Dix, Charles E. Bacon, Arthur B. Brown and Wilbur S. Parker were chosen and duly sworn.

Overseers of Poor James S. Blair was elected Overseer of Poor, asking to be excused his request was granted. Elijah Allen was then nominated by the committee, elected, at his request excused, the committee then reported the name of George Bacon, who was elected.

Porter A. Parker asked to be excused from serving as Overseer of Poor, his request was granted, the committee reported the name of W<sup>m</sup> S. James and he was chosen - and Sumner Parker, George Bacon and William S. James were sworn as Overseers of Poor for the current year



Voted

That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be fifty dollars, subject to the following conditions and restrictions, he shall give bonds to the town for the faithful discharge of his duties, he shall collect and pay over to the Treasurer of the town, on or before the first day of September next all the Poll Taxes (unless for good and sufficient reasons the Assessors shall allow him further time on the same) and one half the tax on real and personal estate, and shall during the first week of every month pay to the Treasurer all moneys which he shall have collected, except so much as he shall collect for the County tax, which shall be paid to the County Treasurer at the time specified in his warrant, he shall make a discount of six per cent to all those who pay their taxes in full on or before the first day of September next, and a discount of four per cent to those who pay their taxes in full after the first day of Sept next and on or before the first day of January next, 1877, and upon all taxes which shall remain unpaid at the last date he shall charge and collect interest at the rate of  $7\frac{3}{10}$  per cent per annum until the same are paid, and shall make a final settlement with the Town Treasurer, on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March next, and he shall not be entitled to any compensation until he complete his collection and makes a final settlement with the Town Treasurer.

Voted

That the Collector be authorised to use all means for collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Joseph L. Woods for the committee, chosen to consider and report to the town what action is needed under Article 6<sup>th</sup> submitted a written report as follows viz:

By-laws of the town of Brimfield  
Adopted April 10<sup>th</sup> 1876 to carry into effect the provisions of an act of the Legislature approved May 2, 1873 entitled "An Act concerning Treasurers"

children and absentees from school" and also an act entitled "an act relating to the attendance of children at school" and any other laws to which the same may be applicable

I The School Committee shall annually appoint as soon as may be practicable after the Annual Town Meeting in March or April two or more persons as Truant officers, whose duty it shall be to enforce, under the direction of the School Committee the provisions of the Statutes of Massachusetts relating to "Truant children and Absentees from School"

II The School Committee shall fix the compensation of such officers, in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes; and payment shall be made for services rendered in the same manner as to other town officers, provided that all bills for services as Truant Officers shall be approved by the School Committee before presentation to the Selectmen for an order for payment

III It shall be the duty of the Truant Officers under the direction of the School Committee to enter a complaint against any habitual truant, before some court authorised by statute to act in such cases, for the purpose of having such habitual truant committed to some institution of instruction, in accordance with the provisions of the statute; provided <sup>that</sup> it shall be the duty of said truant officer, prior to making a complaint before a justice to notify the truant child, and its parent or guardians, of the penalty of the offence. If he can obtain satisfactory pledges of reformation, which pledges shall subsequently be kept, he shall forbear to prosecute,

IV Any child between the ages of seven and fifteen years, who may be found in any street or public place in the town of Brimfield during school hours, and not giving a satisfactory reason for his absence from school, shall be arrested



by any truant officer of the town, and taken to the school to which he belongs, and delivered to the teacher thereof.

Any child who may be found offending as aforesaid, three times during any one term of school, shall be deemed an habitual truant, and may be punished accordingly.

## V

It shall <sup>also</sup> be the duty of the Truant Officers to carry into effect the provisions of the act approved May 12, 1873, <sup>entitled</sup> "An act relating to the attendance of children at school" and to perform all other duties required of such officers by the Statutes of the Commonwealth.

## VI

It shall be the duty of every Truant Officer to inquire diligently concerning all persons between the ages aforesaid, who seem to be idle or vagrant, or who, whether employed or unemployed appear to be growing up in ignorance, and to enforce these by laws and all statutes of this Commonwealth made and provided for such cases.

It shall be the duty of the truant officers to keep a full record of all their acts and doings, and make annual report thereof to the School Committee, who shall publish the same or an abstract of it with their annual report.

## VII

It shall be the duty of the School Committee and the teachers of the Public schools to report in writing the names of any persons or persons violating any or either of the acts aforesaid, to a truant officer of the town.

## VIII

Any person who may be appointed and shall accept the office of truant officer, and knowingly neglects the duties of said office

shall be subject to a fine not exceeding twenty five dollars.

IX

Until arrangements have been made in accordance with section 5 of the Statutes approved May 2, 1872 the Alms House in Brimfield and any public school which the School Committee shall designate, are assigned as the places of "confinement, discipline and instruction of those convicted of being habitual truants.

X

These By-laws shall take effect upon receiving the approval required by law, of the Superior Court or a justice thereof, or the Judge of Probate of the County,

Voted

To act on each article separately, and it was so done

The preamble being under consideration Henry F. Brown, made the objection, that the preamble and By-laws reported included matters not referred to the committee, or within the scope of the article under which action was asked, notwithstanding said objections, the town proceeded to act upon and adopted the report of the committee filling a blank in Art 8, with the sum \$25, and in the preamble with the date of this meeting

Voted

That the appropriation for repair of highways & bridges be subject to the same conditions and restrictions as adopted by the town at the Annual Meeting, 1874.

Voted

That Article 7<sup>th</sup> be referred to the Selectmen with power to take such action as they judge best for the interest of the town.

Voted

Article 14<sup>th</sup> being under consideration it was voted, that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to deposit the amount of the Dog Fund viz: \$575.79 in some Savings Bank to remain until appropriated by the town.



Voted

That a committee of three be appointed to prepare and report to the town a plan for the organization and management of a Public Library. Com  
Henry F. Brown James B. Brown & H. S. Hubbard

By vote of the town  
 Thomas J. Mayan and Samuel W. Brown were afterwards added to the above committee

Article 8<sup>th</sup> in the warrant being under consideration it was voted, that the town will pay one half of the expense of erecting a substantial fence around the lower Common so called in the center of the town.

This appropriation is voted upon and subject to the condition that an equal amount shall be raised by subscription or otherwise for the same purpose.

The whole amount thus raised to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and a committee of three chosen by the subscribers aforesaid

Voted

That of the amount \$5900. appropriated by the town for the purposes named. Five thousand dollars be assessed upon the polls and estates the present year.

Voted

That the By-laws adopted at this meeting be recommended to the committee who reported the same, to secure their approval by the proper authority

Joseph C. Hunter having resigned the office of Town Clerk his resignation was accepted, and Warren F. Tarkenton <sup>selected</sup> but declining to serve he was excused and Albert S. Prouty was chosen & sworn.

Voted

That the matter of repairs at the Almshouse be referred back to same committee, to submit plans and estimates of expense.

Joseph C. Hunter, having resigned the office of Town Clerk  
 his resignation was accepted, and Warren F. Tarbell  
 chosen declining to serve. Al. L. Pease was chosen  
 and sworn,  
 James M. Buxton excused from serving as highway  
 surveyor, and John F. Lombard was then chosen but  
 wishing to be excused his request was granted and  
 Wilbur S. Parker chosen and sworn, Warren F.  
 Tarbell declining to serve as highway surveyor, he was  
 excused and Thomas J. Mayan chosen & sworn  
 The meeting on <sup>motion</sup> made and  
 voted then was dissolved

Attest Henry Thorne  
 Town Clerk

Town Officers for 1876

who accepted the offices to which they were chosen, and after an oath  
 of <sup>office</sup> required were duly sworn.

Town Clerk	Constables	Sealer of Leather
Henry F. Thorne	Francis E. Cook	Augustus Wheeler
	Moses H. Baker	
Selectmen	Collector	Surveyors of Lumber
James B. Brown	Cheney Newton	Porter A. Parker, <u>not sworn</u>
Porter A. Parker		
Newton S. Hubbard		
Assessors	Highway Surveyors	Surveyors of Wood & Bark
Samuel W. Brown	Asahel C. Bennett	James T. Brown
Cheney Newton	Thomas J. Mayan	George M. Hitchcock
George M. Hitchcock	Alfred Lombard	Charles Barnes
	Newton S. Hubbard	Amos Munroe
	Norman S. Powers	H. S. Powers
Town Treasurer	Miles S. Booth	Auditing Committee
Alfred L. Converse	Austin Woodard	Henry F. Thorne
	Wilbur S. Parker	Oscar F. Brown
School Committee	Warren F. Tarbell	Orus E. Parker
for three years	Overseers of Poor	
Joseph L. Woods	Sumner Parker	Recorder
	Wm S. James	By Henry Thorne
Pound Keeper	George Bacon	Town Clerk
Edward Bliss		



Warrant for November 7<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1876.  
Hampden Co.

To Francis E. Cook, Constable of the  
town of Brimfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and  
warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified  
to vote in Elections and in town affairs, to meet at the  
Town Hall in said Brimfield on Tuesday the seventh  
day of November next at ten o'clock in the forenoon  
and at half past ten o'clock (at which time the polls will  
be opened) to bring in their votes to the selectmen who  
will preside at said meeting, for Electors of President  
and Vice President of the United States, One Representative  
for the Eleventh Congressional District, Governor, Lieut.  
Governor, One Councillor for Councillor District number 4  
Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts  
and Attorney General of the Commonwealth - One  
Senator for the First Hampden District, One Representative  
for District No. 1 in Hampden County, to represent said  
District in the next Annual Court of this Commonwealth,  
One County Commissioner, a Clerk of Courts,  
Treasurer and Register of Deeds for Hampden County  
The Selectmen  
fix the time for closing the polls at three o'clock  
P. M.

And also for the purpose of transacting the  
following town business

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To hear the report of the committee chosen at a  
former meeting to devise a plan for repairs on  
the Poor House, and act thereon

Third To see if the town will instruct the Overseers  
of the Poor in regard to the support of Poor  
outside of the Pauper House

And you are  
directed to serve this warrant by posting up

attested copies thereof at the Town Hall or the nearest Post Office at Foshete Mills and by mailing one copy to East Braintree Post Office seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty first day of October in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy six

James B. Brown } Selectmen  
H. S. Hubbard } Braintree

Annual Election November 7<sup>th</sup> 1876

Meeting called to order by James B. Brown, chairman of the selectmen at 10.0 clock and thirty minutes A.M. warrant read, and immediately thereafter the polls were opened for the reception of votes. The polls were kept open until three o'clock P.M. when they were closed in accordance with a vote of the town, and the votes were sorted, counted and declaration thereof made in open town meeting and were as follows viz;

For Electors  
at  
Large

Thomas Talbot <sup>Bellingham</sup> of had One Hundred and fifty six votes  
Stephen Salsburg of Worcester had One Hundred & fifty six votes  
William Barton of Boston had Ninety three votes  
Edward Avery of Braintree had Ninety three votes

Elector for  
District N<sup>o</sup> One

Warren Ladd of New Bedford had One Hundred & fifty six  
James D. Thompson of " " " Ninety three votes

Elector for  
District N<sup>o</sup> Two

Theodore Dean of Taunton had One Hundred & fifty six votes  
Samuel H. Dyer Jr of So. Abington had Ninety three votes.

Elector for  
District N<sup>o</sup> 3

James F. Orwood of Boston had One Hundred & fifty six  
George P. Baldwin " " " Ninety three votes



- For Elector  
District N<sup>o</sup> 4 Martin Brimmer of Boston had One Hundred & fifty six  
Charles Levi Woodbury of Boston had Ninety three
- For Elector  
District N<sup>o</sup> 5 Samuel Lawrence of Medford had One Hundred & fifty six  
Alpha E. Thompson of Hobern had Ninety three
- For Elector  
District N<sup>o</sup> 6 George W. Merrill of Amesbury had One Hundred & fifty six  
James C. Smiley of Haverhill had Ninety three
- For Elector  
District N<sup>o</sup> 7 Carroll D. Wright of Reading had One Hundred & fifty six  
James C. Abbot of Lowell had Ninety three
- For Elector  
District N<sup>o</sup> 8 James Russell Lowell of Cambridge had One Hundred & fifty six  
Edward A. Alger of Cambridge had Ninety three
- For Elector  
District N<sup>o</sup> 9 John C. Whitier of North Andover had One Hundred & fifty six  
Eli Thayer of Worcester had Ninety three votes
- For Elector  
District N<sup>o</sup> 10 W. B. C. Pearson of Holyoke had One Hundred and fifty six  
Timothy S. Wilson of Hingham had Ninety three votes
- For Elector  
District N<sup>o</sup> 11 Richard Goodman of Leroux had One Hundred and fifty six  
Quackhous of Pittsfield had Ninety three votes
- For Governor  
Alexander H. Rice of Boston had One Hundred and fifty one votes  
Charles Francis Adams of Quincy had Ninety seven votes  
John D. Baker of Beverly had one vote
- For Lieutenant  
Governor Horatio S. Knight of East Hampton had One Hundred & fifty five  
William B. Phinnett of Pittsfield had Ninety five votes
- For Secretary  
of State Henry B. Pierce of Abington had One Hundred & fifty five votes  
Weston Howland of Fairhaven had Ninety three votes
- For Treasurer and  
Receiver General Charles Endicott of Canton had One Hundred and fifty six votes  
David M. Shilling of Wiscasset had Ninety three votes
- For Auditor  
Julius L. Clark of Newton had One Hundred & fifty six votes  
John C. Fitzgibbon of Boston had Ninety three votes

- For Attorney General Charles B. Train of Boston had One Hundred and fifty six votes  
Richard Gray of Boston had Ninety three votes
- For Counsellor William Blanchell of Adams had One Hundred and fifty six votes  
District N<sup>o</sup> Eight George S. Rice of Adams had Ninety three votes
- For Member of Congress District George A. Robinson of Chicopee had One Hundred and fifty two votes  
Chester W. Chapin of Springfield had Ninety seven votes
- For Clerk of the Courts Robert C. Morris of Springfield had Two Hundred and forty nine votes
- For Senator Tilly Haynes of Springfield had One Hundred and fifty seven votes  
James Fairbank of Springfield had Ninety four votes
- For Register of Deeds James E. Russell of Springfield had Two Hundred and forty nine votes
- For County Treasurer W. Wells Bridge of Springfield had One Hundred and fifty seven votes  
John J. Moore of Springfield had Ninety votes
- For County Commissioner Newton S. Hubbard of Springfield had One Hundred & fifty one votes  
Lawson Sibley of Springfield had Ninety seven votes
- For Representative District N<sup>o</sup> One Rice M. Reynolds of Monson One Hundred and forty nine votes  
Calvin S. Kease of Monson Ninety seven votes

After the declaration of the aforesaid votes, on motion made and voted, the meeting was adjourned to the Selectmen's room, where after making out and sealing up the returns of the aforesaid votes, and the voting list the meeting was adjourned.

During the meeting aforesaid the polls for the reception of votes being kept open under the charge of the Selectmen, the Town Clerk asked attention to the articles in the warrant for the transaction of town business, and it was voted to choose a Moderator, and Francis S. Lincoln was nominated and chosen.

The committee previously chosen to examine and report on the necessity of altering the town laws



made a report orally, and on motion of S. W. Brown it was.

Voted That the committee be instructed to prepare a plan and submit the same on a future <sup>meeting</sup> with an estimate of the expense of the proposed alterations.

Voted On motion of Sumner Parker to add two persons to the committee, and that they be nominated by a committee of two appointed by the Moderator, and Sumner Parker and W. F. Tarbell were so appointed and reported the names of Henry F. Thorne and Alfred L. Converse and they were chosen as additional members of the committee.

Voted On motion of A. L. Converse that the Overseers of Poor be instructed to allow Horace Nichols and wife, one dollar each, per week, for their support until our next Annual April meeting.

Voted On motion of Samuel W. Brown that the Overseers of Poor be instructed to allow Mrs Samuel Hubbard one dollar per week until the next Annual April meeting.

Voted That the meeting for transaction of town business be adjourned to meet on Saturday, 2<sup>d</sup> at 1. P. M. and it was so adjourned.

For record of  
Town. Clerk

Meeting see page 230

Saturday December 2, 1876

The town met in accordance with the vote of adjournment, and were called to order by Francis D. Lincoln, Moderator.

H. F. Robinson reported that the committee had attended to the duty assigned them, and submitted plans for the proposed alterations and estimates that the same could be made for the sum of Six Hundred dollars.

Voted To accept the report of the committee, and that the town proceed to make the alterations in accordance with the plans presented, subject only to such

attractions as may be found expedient; and which will not materially increase the expense.

*Resolved* To choose a committee of three to contract for and superintend the work and that they be nominated by a committee of three to be appointed by the Moderator.

Who appointed Nathan F. Robinson, James B. Brown and William B. Sherman a committee to nominate, and they reported Henry F. Thoreau, Samuel Parker and James S. Blair for said committee and they were chosen.

There being no further business before the meeting it was adjourned without day —

Attest  
Henry F. Thoreau  
Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting January 13<sup>th</sup> 1877  
Scampten

To Francis C. Cook, Constable of the town of  
Brimfield

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Saturday the thirteenth day of January instant at one o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz:

*First*

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

*Second*

To see if the town will take any measures to publish the History of Brimfield as prepared by Rev G. M. Hyde Esq and if so, pass all votes, and choose such committees and agents as may be necessary to carry the same into effect.

Also to make such arrangements for the disposal of the same when published as the town may direct

And you are directed to serve



this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same one each at the Town Hall, at the center Post Office and by mailing one to East Brimfield Post Office also by sending or mailing one to Charles H. Forbit requesting him to post the same at his mill, in said Brimfield, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting

Given under our hands this first day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven

Jas B. Brown } Selectmen  
W. S. Hubbard } of  
P. A. Parker } Brimfield

Shampden Jr

Brimfield Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 1877

I have served the within warrant as therein directed

F. E. Cook

Constable of Brimfield

Town Meeting Jan. 13, 1877

In answer to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Brimfield met at the Town Hall at the hour named in the warrant after the reading of the warrant by the Town Clerk, Samuel W. Brown was chosen Moderator

Noted

On motion of F. D. Lincoln to choose a committee of <sup>five</sup> who are hereby authorized to arrange for, and publish the history of the town as prepared by Rev C. M. Boyd D.D. with such additions as he, and they may deem advisable,

Noted

That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to nominate the above committee, and F. D. Lincoln, J. J. Morgan and W<sup>m</sup> H. Sherman were appointed said committee

And they reported

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Henry F. Brown, Francis J. Lincoln, Samuel W. Brown, James S. Blair  
and James B. Brown for said committee and they were  
chosen by the town

Voted On motion of F. J. Lincoln that the committee be authorized  
to cause six hundred copies of the history to be printed,

Voted That the committee be authorized to have such number  
bound as they think proper

Voted On motion of F. J. Lincoln that the committee be directed  
to present in the name of the town a bound copy of the  
History to each of the speakers on the day of the celebration,  
to Gov Horace Fairbanks of Vermont, to the High School and  
Pastoral Librarian, Congressional and State Librarian and  
to the Connecticut Valley Historical Society, and also  
one copy in pamphlet form to each family in town  
resident May 1, 1877.

Voted That the committee be authorized to furnish  
copies to parties desiring to purchase at such a  
price as they shall think best, and any copies  
unsold shall be deposited in the office of the  
town clerk for sale.

Voted On motion of Henry F. Brown that the committee  
be authorized to offer, and the Selectmen are  
directed to draw an order on the Treasurer  
to pay, the Rev C. M. Hyde D.D. as a testimonial  
for his services in gathering the facts and preparing  
the aforesaid history, the sum of One Hundred  
Dollars, also to furnish him such number of the  
work when published, as they find will be  
satisfactory to him

After the transacting of the foregoing  
on motion moved it was voted to disband the committee,  
and the meeting dissolved

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



At a meeting of the Town Clerks of Representative District number one in Hampshire County, held at the Selectmens room in Brimfield on Wednesday November eighth in the year A.D. One Thousand Eight hundred and seventy six at noon for the purpose of examining the return of votes cast in the several towns in said District for Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts. The whole number of votes returned was nine hundred and ninety nine and were for the following persons viz;

For Rice M. Reynolds of Monson  
Six hundred and sixty two votes.

For Calvin S. Pease of Monson  
Three hundred and thirty seven votes

Rice M. Reynolds of  
Monson having a plurality of the votes votes  
cast was declared elected

Henry J. Brown Town Clerk of Brimfield  
A. A. Gage " " " Monson  
F. E. Flinn " " " Holland  
G. S. Rogers " " " Wales

### Vote of the several towns

Rice M. Reynolds		Calvin S. Pease	
Monson	354	" "	157
Brimfield	149	" "	97
Wales	104	" "	55
Holland	55	" "	28

Recorded by  
Henry J. Brown  
Town Clerk

Hampden,

To Francis E. Cook, Constable of the town of Brimfield  
Meeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the second day of April next at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following Articles viz;

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Second To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year. Also all committees and agents the business of the town may require
- Third To hear reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, and other committees and agents heretofore chosen by the town, and act thereon.
- Fourth To raise money for the support of schools for the ensuing year and direct how the same shall be expended
- Fifth To raise money for the support of highways, Townways and Bridges, and direct how the same shall be expended
- Sixth To raise money for the payment of town debts, and for defraying expenses for the current year.
- Seventh To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen reversing the list of jurors
- Eighth To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of town debts and current expenses
- Ninth To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods.
- Tenth To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use the means for collecting which the town Treasurer may use when appointed collector.



- Eleventh To see if the town will cause to be printed the annual reports of the town officers and agents or any part thereof for the current year
- Twelfth To see if the town will raise money by taxation or otherwise and appropriate it to be expended by the School Committee in their discretion in providing for the conveyance of scholars to and from the public schools in accordance with acts 1869, Chap 132
- Thirteenth To see if the town will cause their ponds or either one of them to be stocked with useful fish under provisions of Statutes 1869 Chap 384, 1873 Chap 195, and 1874 Chap 135.
- Fourteenth To see if the town will take any measures to plant shade trees on their school house grounds, and appropriate money for the same.
- Fifteenth To see if the town will appropriate money for the purchase of Reference Books for the use of their schools.
- Sixteenth To see if the town will make or adopt a code of Town Laws as provided for by the Statutes of the Commonwealth.
- Seventeenth To see if the town will refund expenses or any part of the same incurred by the Mass General Hospital in the care of Andrew Benson in his last sickness.
- Eighteenth To see what action the town will take to secure the location of a new highway, leading from near William Fentons in Monson, Westly on the South side of the Boston and Albany Railroad to near the house of Eli Fay in Monson.
- Nineteenth To see what disposition the town will make of their Dog Fund
- Twentieth To see if the town will appropriate money <sup>of keeping in repair</sup> for the purpose and decorating the graves and monuments or other memorials erected within their limits to the memory of soldiers or sailors who have died in the military or naval service of the United States

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting.

up attested copies of the same one each at the Town Hall and at the center Post Office, and by mailing one copy to East Springfield Post Office, and by mailing ~~or~~ <sup>otherwise</sup> sending one copy to Chas. W. Fosket requesting him to post the same at his mill, all in said Springfield, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

He ~~of~~ <sup>he</sup> fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this tenth day of March in the year one Thousand eight hundred and seventy seven

Jas. B. Brown } Selectman  
 Newton S. Hubbard } of  
 Porter A. Parker } Springfield

Hamphden Jr

I have served the within warrant as therein directed

Francis C. Cook, Constable of Springfield

Annual Town Meeting April 2, 1877

The inhabitants of Springfield qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs assembled at the Town Hall in response to the foregoing warrant and were called to order by the Town Clerk, after the reading of the warrant the votes were received for Moderator, whole number of votes seventy two, and were for Samuel W. Brown thirty three votes, Francis D. Lincoln had thirty nine votes and was chosen,

Moderator

Prayer was offered by Rev W. B. Pierce

Town Clerk

The votes were then received for Town Clerk whole number of votes fifty five, A. L. Converse and S. W. Brown had one vote each, Henry F. Brown had fifty three votes and was declared elected

Voted

Selectman

To choose three Selectmen, and the votes were received for a Selectman, whole number of votes sixty seven, Henry Newton had one, James B. Brown had sixty six and was declared elected, and duly sworn

Selectman

The votes were then received for another Selectman



whole number of votes sixty eight. F. D. Lincoln and Cheney Newton had one vote each. Moses H. Baker had sixty six votes and was elected and sworn.

Selectman

The votes were then received for the third Selectman whole number of votes one hundred and nine. Charles F. Spaulding had fifty three votes and George Dunham had fifty six votes and was declared elected.

Assessor

The votes were then received for an Assessor whole number of votes, One hundred and twelve. George M. Hitchcock had fifty three votes. Samuel W. Brown had fifty nine votes and was declared elected and duly sworn.

Assessor

The votes were then received for another Assessor whole number of votes One hundred and four and were as follows; for W<sup>m</sup> H. Shuman eleven votes, for George M. Hitchcock ninety three votes and he was declared elected, and sworn.

Assessor

The votes were then received for another Assessor whole number of votes ~~Eighty one~~ and were as follows; for F. E. Cook and Cheney Newton one vote each, for W<sup>m</sup> H. Shuman two votes, for Oscar F. Brown seventy seven votes, and he was declared elected and duly sworn.

Treasurer

The votes were then received for Town Treasurer whole number of votes One hundred and three and were as follows; for Charles F. Spaulding forty nine votes, for Alfred L. Converse fifty four votes and he was declared elected, and sworn.

Vote

To adjourn to meet at one o'clock and thirty minutes P. M. and the meeting was so adjourned.

The meeting assembled as per adjournment George Dunham asked to be excused from serving as Selectman and his request was, by vote of the town granted.

Selectman

The votes were then received for a Selectman in place of George Dunham excused

whole number of votes sixty and were as follows, Newton S. Hubbard and Byron W. Charles had one vote each, Frank Newton had five votes, Charles F. Spaulding had sixty two votes and was chosen and duly sworn

School Committee for 3 yrs The votes were then received for a School Committee for three years, whole number of votes Eighty one, and were as follows; for H. M. Goodale two votes for Samuel W. Brown and Michael Rosneath two vote each, Ephraim W. Norwood had Seventy five votes and was chosen

Voted To choose Two Constables. And the votes were received for one Constable, whole number of votes Seventy seven, Constable Alfred L. Converse had one vote, Byron W. Charles had eleven votes, William B. Shurnam had five votes, Francis E. Cook had sixty votes and was chosen and sworn

Constable The votes were then received for another Constable whole number of votes Forty six, as follows; Ephraim W. Norwood had one vote, Byron W. Charles had thirteen votes, Frank N. Newton had Thirty two votes and was declared elected and sworn,

Voted To choose three Fence Viewers all on one ballot.

The votes were then received for three Fence Viewers all on one ballot, whole number of ballots twenty six and were as follows, Alfred L. Converse had three votes, Samuel W. Brown had Twenty three votes, George Dunham and Moses A. Chever had twenty six votes each, and Samuel W. Brown, George Dunham and Moses A. Chever were declared elected and sworn

Moved To choose the Selectmen viz; James B. Brown, Moses M. Baker, and Charles F. Spaulding, Highway & Surveyors for the ensuing year, not carried Thirty six voting for and Forty two against the motion

Over



Voted That the Moderator appoint a committee of five to nominate a board of Overseers of the Poor and he appointed, Samuel W. Brown, Porter A. Parker, W<sup>m</sup> H. Sherman, James S. Blair and Byron W. Charles as the committee, who reported Sumner Parker, Henry F. Brown and Francis E. Cook as suitable persons for Overseers of the Poor, and they were chosen and sworn -

Voted That the compensation of the Collector of taxes be Forty dollars (\$40.) and that he be subject to the same conditions and restrictions as the collector for last year was under - see page 216

Collector

The votes were then received for Collector, whole number of votes sixty, and were as follows; for N. M. Goodale, George Bacon and W<sup>m</sup> H. Sherman one vote each, for W. F. Tarbell six votes for Chas. Hewton and Henry F. Brown five votes each, for Samuel W. Brown forty one votes and he was declared elected, but declining to serve he was excused

Collector

The votes were again received for Collector, whole number of votes Fifty seven, and were for N. M. Goodale and P. F. Spaulding one vote each, for W. F. Tarbell three votes, for W<sup>m</sup> S. Jones three votes, for W<sup>m</sup> H. Jones nine votes, for James S. Blair forty votes and he was declared elected, and was sworn.

Voted That the Moderator appoint a committee of one from each Highway District to nominate eight Highway Surveyors, and Jonathan Emerson, James S. Blair, Francis E. Cook, Dauphin Brown, B. D. Butler, Josiah Stebbins, Moses H. Baker and James H. Baxton were so appointed.

Voted That when this meeting adjourns it be to meet on Monday next at 10. o'clock A. M.

Voted To postpone further action in choosing Highway Surveyors until the adjourned meeting.

Moved By Joseph L. Woods to take up and act on the 4<sup>th</sup> article, not carried.

Noted To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen, who reported that the dam at the Genter Mills (H. A. Webber) has been washed away, making the road over the same impassable, and asked instructions from the town as to what course to adopt in relation to the same.

Moved By F. C. Cook that a committee of three be appointed by the town, to take legal advice on the questions at issue and report to the Selectmen, who are authorized to adopt such measures as may be necessary, not carried.

Noted That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to whom with the Selectmen the whole matter of the dam at the Genter Mills, and the rights and obligation of the town in relation to the same be referred with full power and authority in the name of the town to arrange and settle the whole matter at issue - Sumner Parker, Francis C. Cook and Thomas J. Mayan were appointed as said committee.

And the meeting then adjourned.

Brimfield April 9<sup>th</sup> 1877. The town met in per adjournment, and called to order by F. S. Lincoln Moderator.

The chairman of the Selectmen reported the cost of repairing road at Genter Mills.

The Auditing Committee submitted their report in print, and the same was by vote of the town accepted.

Noted On motion of Joseph L. Woods, that a committee of three be appointed by the Selectmen to investigate the subject matter of the 13<sup>th</sup> Article, and report to the town such facts as they may be able to learn and to recommend such action as they may think proper.

Over



Voted To act on Article 16, And Joseph L. Woods moved that a committee of three be appointed to report a code of Tenant laws, and the motion was adopted and Joseph L. Woods, Weston S. Hubbard and Henry T. Brown were appointed the committee

Voted On motion of Henry T. Brown, that a committee of three be appointed to report By Laws for the transaction of the business of the town, and Henry T. Brown, James B. Brown and Samuel W. Brown were appointed, as the committee

Voted To act on the matter of choosing Highway Surveyors  
R. E. Cook asked to be excused from serving on the committee to nominate Highway Surveyors, and his request was granted, and Daniel Shaw was appointed to fill the vacancy —

Motion S. W. Brown moved to instruct the committee, to nominate Surveyors, to report the names of twelve persons for Surveyors.

Motion to Amend Wm H. Sherman moved to amend by substituting sixteen, but the amendment and motion were rejected. —

Voted To reconsider the vote to appoint a committee of eight, to nominate Highway Surveyors and that the committee appointed be discharged,

Voted To leave the matter of repairing the roads with the Selectmen

Voted That the remaining officers to be chosen be done by nomination, and the following persons were so chosen, to the offices designated:  
Augustus Wheeler was chosen Dealer of Leather  
Samuel W. Brown was chosen Pound Keeper  
Samuel W. Brown was chosen Surveyor of Lumber  
James B. Brown, Amos Munroe, James T. Brown, David Williams and Charles W. Forbet <sup>chosen</sup> Surveyors of Wood and Bark

- Auditing Committee Lemuel Thorne, Ous E. Parker and Arthur B. Brown were chosen Auditing Committee
- Field Drivers Edward Bliss, Brannan E. Hibbs, Oscar T. Brown Francis E. Cook and James Hays, were chosen Field Drivers,
- Voted To elect a Sexton
- Voted That the chair appoint a committee of three to report the name of a suitable person to be voted for as Sexton
- Voted To accept the list of jurors as reported by the Selectmen
- Voted That the Treasurer <sup>be authorized</sup> to borrow money for the payment of town debts and current expenses
- Voted That the Collector of Taxes be authorized to use the means for collecting taxes, which the town Treasurer may use when acting as Collector
- Motion Joseph L. Woods moved that the money paid for the current school year by the towns of Monson and Palmer for the tuition of their pupils attending school in Springfield be appropriated for the purpose of purchasing reference books, apparatus or for the use of the ~~public~~ public schools, to be expended by the school committee at their discretion, provided the sum so appropriated and expended shall not exceed \$40, not carried
- Report of Committee The committee appointed to nominate a suitable person for Sexton, reported the name of Francis E. Cook, and recommended that the person chosen receive such compensation, and observe such rules and regulations as may be established by the Selectmen for the discharge of the duties of the office. The report was accepted and Francis E. Cook was then chosen sexton.
- Voted That the duties of Sexton, commence May 1, and continue one year and until his successor is chosen.



Noted That if the settlement of Andrew A. Benson at the time of his decease was in Brimfield, that the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to pay Fifty dollars towards the expense of his last sickness at the Mass. General Hospital.

Noted The following appropriations for the coming year viz:

Appropriations	For support of Schools	1800 00
"	" of Highway	1200 00
"	" " Bridges	200 00
"	Snow Paths	200 00
"	repair of School Houses	200 00
"	support of Paupers	1000 00
"	Officers salaries	400 00
"	Miscellaneous expenses	300 00
"	Discount on Taxes	200 00
"	Unusual expenses	1200 00
		<u>\$ 6700.00</u>

Noted That of the \$1800. raised for the support of schools, Seventeen Hundred dollars (\$1700) be appropriated for the wages and board of teachers, and for fuel and care of school-houses.

And that the sum of One Hundred dollars. be appropriated as above, with authority to the School Committee if they find it more economical to pay for the conveyance of scholars. than to support a school, they are authorized to expend a portion or the whole of the same for that purpose,

Also for  
conveyance  
of  
Scholars

Noted That of the Six Thousand Seven Hundred dollars appropriated this day, Five Thousand dollars, (\$5000.) be annexed upon the polls and estates the current year

Report of Committee on Town History The committee on publication of town history report on the expense of binding the book and the town

Noted That the committee have the 600. copies ordered, all bound

Noted To print the Auditors Report for the current year

Article 18<sup>th</sup> being under consideration it was voted  
 Road to Palmer — that the subject matter thereof be left with the Selectmen,  
 and they are hereby authorized and instructed to examine  
 the route proposed and if they find the same feasible  
 they are to petition the County Commissioners to locate  
 the same.

Article 19<sup>th</sup> being under consideration Sumner Parker  
 moved that the Log Fund be appropriated for the support  
 of schools, after discussion Mr Parker withdrew his  
 motion, and moved to lay the subject on the  
 table, not carried, and the report of the committee  
 chosen at the last Annual Meeting to prepare  
 and submit to the town a plan for the organization  
 of a Public Library was called for and read to  
 the meeting, as follows:

Report of  
 Committee  
 on  
 Library

The committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting  
 to prepare and report to the town a plan for the  
 organization and management of a Public Library,  
 recommend the following for their consideration  
 and action viz:

- First That the town establish a Public Library to be known as  
 the Public Library, the same to be for the use of the  
 Inhabitants of the town under such rules and regulations  
 as may be prescribed therefor.
- Second The Library shall be under the care and management  
 of five Directors, three gentlemen and two Ladies, who  
 shall receive no compensation for their services,  
 and to be elected as follows; the three males shall be  
 elected by the town, one for one year, one for two  
 years and one for three years, and hereafter at each  
 Annual Meeting one shall be chosen to serve three  
 years, and the three thus chosen shall annually elect  
 the two females to serve one year, vacancies in the  
 Board may be filled by the remaining members, subject  
 to the approval of the Selectmen, persons thus appointed  
 to hold their office until the next Annual Meeting  
 when the vacancies shall be filled by the town.

Third The Directors shall have the superintendence of the



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Library, secure a suitable room therefor, make or  
cause to be made all purchases for the same,  
appoint one or more Librarians, fix their compensation  
and have the direction of these officers in the discharge  
of their duties, they, unless the town has prescribed the  
same, shall make suitable rules for the care of  
and use of the books, and for the management  
of the Library. And at the Annual Meeting of the <sup>town</sup>  
make a full and detailed report of their proceedings.

Fourth The Board of Directors are authorized in the name  
and behalf of the town, to receive, hold, and manage  
subject to the direction of the town, any donation,  
devise or bequest for the increase or maintenance  
of the Library.

Fifth In submitting the foregoing, we do it in the  
expectation, and recommend if adopted,  
that the Dog Fund, not only for the past year,  
but the accumulation of previous years, now  
on deposit in the Savings Bank the whole  
amounting to Seven Hundred and nine <sup>19</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars  
(\$709.19) will all be appropriated for the above purpose.  
Brimfield April 2, 1877

Respectfully submitted

By

Samuel W. Brown

S. W. Brown

N. S. Hubbard

Thos J. Morgan

Committee

Motion

Samuel W. Brown moved that the Dog Fund  
amounting to Seven Hundred and nine <sup>19</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars  
(\$709.19) be appropriated for a Public Library, and that  
the same be established in accordance with  
the report of the committee, which is hereby  
accepted and adopted, carried 25 voting  
in the Aff - and 21 in the Neg

Voted

That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to nominate three Directors for the Library and the J. Mayan, Samuel W. Brown and James B. Brown were appointed and reported as follows viz; Henry L. Brown for three years, Sumner Parker for two years, and Ephraim W. Howard for one year and they were chosen,

Voted

That the Selectmen be authorized to expend not to exceed Fifty dollars for the purposes specified in the twentieth article of the warrant,

Report  
of  
Committee

The committee appointed to prepare a code of Truant Laws submitted their report, and the same was adopted by the town, see pages below

On motion made and adopted the meeting was dissolved

Attest

Henry L. Brown  
Town Clerk

### Report of Committee

The committee appointed to report a code of Truant Laws submit the following viz;

Art I

Any minor child residing in the town of Springfield between the ages of seven and fifteen years of age, who shall be guilty of being an habitual truant, or of wandering about in the streets or public places of the town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance, shall upon conviction thereof, be punished by fine not exceeding twenty dollars, or instead thereof may be committed, with the assent of the Board of State, to the State Primary School at Monson for such time not exceeding two years as the justice or court having jurisdiction thereof may determine.

Art II

The State Primary School at Monson, with the assent of the Board of State, is hereby assigned and provided as an institution for instruction, house of reformation, and suitable place for the confinement, discipline and instruction of such children,



## Art III

It shall be the duty of every Tuant Officer before making any complaint for offences under these by Laws to notify the offending child and his parent or guardian of the offence committed, and of the penalty therefor, and if the tuant officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child he may in his discretion forbear to prosecute so long as such pledges are faithfully observed and kept.

## Art IV

These by Laws shall take effect on their approval as required by law—

I hereby approve the foregoing provisions and by Laws.

Witness my hand this twenty fourth day of August A. D. Eighteen hundred and seventy seven

W<sup>m</sup> S. Shurtleff  
Judge of Probate for  
Hampden County  
Massachusetts

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Office of the Board of State Charities  
State House Boston  
Monday Sept 10, 1877

Dear Sir

The Board of State Charities at its meeting on Saturday last voted its assent to the assignment by the town of Brimfield of the State Primary School at Monson as a place for the confinement and instruction of tuant children belonging in said town, this assent to terminate on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1878 without further notice to the authorities of said town

Very respectfully yours

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

Sidney Andrews  
Secretary of the Board

Brimfield, Mass, A true copy. Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

# Town Officers for 1877

Who accepted the offices to which they were chosen, and where an oath of office is required were duly sworn

Town Clerk	School Committee 3 years	Pound Keeper
Henry F. Brown	Ephraim W. Newwood	Samuel W. Brown
Selectmen	Constables	Field Drivers
James B. Brown	Francis E. Cook	Brannan E. Sibley
Moses M. Baker	Frank M. Newton	Surveyor of Wood & Pasture
Charles F. Spaulding	Fence Viewers	Charles W. Fosket
Assessors	Samuel W. Brown	Auditing Committee
Samuel W. Brown	George Dunham	Henry F. Brown
George M. Hitchcock	Moses A. Cheever	Oris E. Parker
Osceola F. Brown	Sealer of Leather	Arthur B. Brown
Town Treasurer	Augustus Wheeler	Sexton
Albert L. Converse	Directors of Library	Francis E. Cook
Collector	Henry F. Brown for 3 yrs	Overseers of the Poor
James S. Blair	Sumner Parker " 2 "	Sumner Parker
Committee on By Laws	Ephraim W. Newwood " 1 "	Henry F. Brown
Henry F. Brown	Committee on Cent. Mill Dam	Francis E. Cook
James B. Brown	The Selectmen	
Samuel W. Brown	Sumner Parker	
	Francis E. Cook	
	Thomas J. Morgan	





Warrant for Town Meeting October 13<sup>th</sup> 1877  
 Hampden Co.

To Francis E. Cook, Constable of the town of  
 Brimfield Meeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of  
 Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the  
 inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in  
 Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in  
 said Brimfield on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October inst  
 at one o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on  
 the following articles viz;

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting,
- Second To see what action the town will take in relation to  
 the suit commenced by Amos Munroe against the town.
- Third To see if the town will purchase of the owner of the Center  
 Mills, the right of flowage, or any other right or title  
 which may be for the better security of the public  
 highways Thereabouts.
- Fourth To see if the town will authorize the Overseers of the  
 Poor—or other persons to commence a suit for the  
 collection of any debts due the town for produce sold  
 from the pauper farm,
- Fifth To see if the town will take action in the matter of  
 grading, laying out and enclosing land purchased  
 for enlarging the burying ground,
- Sixth To see if the town will choose an agent or agents  
 for the general regulation and supervision of the  
 of the Cemetery,

And you are directed to serve this  
 warrant by posting attested copies of the same one  
 each at the Town Hall, at the center Post Office  
 and by mailing one copy to East Brimfield  
 Post Office and by mailing <sup>or</sup> ~~or~~ sending a copy  
 to C. W. Fosket, requesting him to post the same,  
 at his Mills in said Brimfield seven days at  
 before the time of holding said meeting.



He ~~may~~ fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting;

Given under our hands this first day of October in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy seven.

Jas B. Brown } Selectmen  
 M. H. Baker } of  
 C. F. Spaulding } Brimfield

Hampden Co

Brimfield Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1877

I have <sup>severely</sup> the within warrant as therein directed

F. C. Cook

Constable of Brimfield

Town Meeting October 13<sup>th</sup> 1877

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk after the reading of the warrant <sup>it</sup> was.

Voted To choose a moderator by nomination and Samuel W. Brown was nominated and chosen

Voted To pass over the second article for the present.

Voted On motion of Francis D. Lincoln That Henry F. Brown, Sumner Parker, and James B. Brown be a committee to investigate the matter embraced in the third article and report at an adjourned, or future meeting.

Voted On motion of F. D. Lincoln to act on the second Article, and that a committee of two be chosen to act with the Selectmen in the case or suit commenced by Amos Munroe vs the town and that they be authorised and empowered to take such action in the case as they think best for the interest of the town.

Voted That a committee of three be appointed to nominate the committee of two. This committee reported

the names of Henry J. Brown and Sumner Parker and they were chosen,

*Noted* On motion of George Bacon that the Overseers of the Poor be authorised to commence a suit for any debts due the town for produce sold from the Pauper farm.

*Noted* That the matter of grading, fencing and laying out lots, and avenues, the addition to the Cemetery be left with the Selectmen.

*Noted* That ~~that~~ the Selectmen be authorised and empowered to appoint two persons, who with the Sexton shall have the general care and supervision of the Cemetery, to serve one year and until others are appointed in their place.

*Noted* That this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday Nov 6<sup>th</sup> to meet at one o'clock P.M. and the meeting was so adjourned.

November 6<sup>th</sup> 1877 The voters met as per adjournment. The committee appointed to investigate and report upon the advisability of the towns buying of the owner of the Centur Mills his right of flowage for the benefit of the town in the support of the highway over the dam, also of the abutting land owners on the pond and beyond, above the pond, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, that Mr. Welber the owner of the mill was willing to sell his right of flowage for \$800. — that two of the abutting land owners on the pond or above were willing to pay their proportion of such expense as was thought to be just for the purpose of having the pond drawn off, if the other land owners benefited would do the same. But as all the other land owners supposed to be benefited, so far as seen, declined to pay any part of the expense, the committee were of the opinion it was not expedient for the town to make the purchase, and it was

*Noted* To accept the report of the committee, and that they be discharged from further service.



Noted On motion of Capt. F. S. Lincoln, as an expression of the opinion of the town, that the committee chosen at the Annual & Spring meeting, be requested to go forward and make the "Waste Way," of the dam at the Center Mills equal in capacity to discharge or carry off water to what it was before it was changed by the agent of the town, and the Mill Owner

On motion to that effect made and voted the meeting was then dissolved

Recorded by

Henry J. Thorne  
Town Clerk

Warrant for Election Nov 6, 1877  
Hampden Jr  
To Francis E. Cook, Constable of the  
town of Brimfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and cause the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Tuesday the sixth day of November next at Ten o'clock in the forenoon and at half past ten o'clock (at which time the polls will be opened) to bring in to their votes to the Selectmen who will preside at said meeting, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, one Councilor for Councilor District number 8, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorney General of the Commonwealth One Senator for the First Hampshire District, One Representative for District No. one in Hampshire County to represent said District in the next General Court of this Commonwealth, One County Commissioner and two Special Commissioners District Attorney for Western District, Sheriff for Hampshire County and three Commissioners of Insolvency,

All on one Ballot

And also, to bring in their <sup>votes</sup> "Yes or No" on the Resolves agreed to by the last and present General Courts concerning the amendments to the Constitution relative to certain Officers of Harvard

College.

The Selectmen fix the time for closing the polls at  
Three o'clock P. M.,

And also, to transact the following town  
business

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To see if the town will in co-operation with the towns and  
cities of Hampshire County require the County Commissioners  
to establish at some convenient place in said County at  
the expense of said County a truant school, for the  
confinement, discipline and instruction of minor  
children convicted under the provisions of Chap. 262  
of the acts of 1873, and to make suitable provision for  
the government and control of said school as provided  
said Commissioners shall, in section 5 of said  
chapter

And, you are directed to serve this warrant by  
posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall at the  
center Post Office and by mailing one copy to East  
Brimfield Post Office, and by mailing or otherwise sending  
one copy to Charles W. Fosket requesting him to post  
the same at his mills in said Brimfield, seven days  
before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make  
due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon,  
to the Selectmen at the time and place of holding  
said meeting

Given under our hands this eighteenth  
day of October in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred  
and seventy seven

Jas B. Brown } Selectmen  
 M. H. Baker } of  
 C. F. Spaulding } Brimfield

Hampshire Co.

Brimfield Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1877, I have served the  
within warrant as therein directed

J. C. Cook, Constable of  
Brimfield



## Annual Election, November 6, 1877

The meeting called to order at ten o'clock and 42 minutes A.M. by James B. Brown chairman of the Selectmen, after the reading of the warrant, the polls were opened for the reception of votes, and were kept open until three o'clock P.M., when no one desiring them to be kept open for a longer time they were closed, and the votes were counted and declaration thereof made in open meeting and were as follows viz;

For Governor

Alexander H. Rice of Boston had One Hundred votes  
William Gaston of Boston had Forty seven votes  
Robert C. Pitman of Newton had Three votes

For Lieutenant  
Governor

Moratis G. Knight of Easthampton had One Hundred & one votes  
William H. Plumbett of Pittsfield had Forty six votes  
Elijah A. Morse of Canton had Three votes

For Secretary  
of State

Henry B. Pierce of Abington had One Hundred and one votes  
Weston Howland of Fairhaven had Forty five votes  
D. B. Gurney of South Abington had Three votes

For Treasurer and  
Receiver General

Charles Endicott of Canton had One Hundred and one votes  
David H. Shillings of Winchester had Forty eight votes

For Auditor

Julius S. Clark of Newton had One Hundred and one votes  
John E. Fitzgerald of Boston had Forty five votes  
Jonathan H. Orne of Marblehead had Three votes

For Attorney

Council

Charles H. Train of Boston had One Hundred and one votes  
Charles P. Thompson of Gloucester had Forty five votes  
Orin T. Gray of Hyde Park had Three votes

For Councilor  
Eighth District

Tilly Maynes of Springfield had One Hundred and one votes  
William M. Gaylord of Northampton had Forty five votes  
Rev C. A. Merrill of Holyoke had Three votes

For District Attorney  
Western District

Abner M. Leonard of Springfield had One Hundred votes  
E. M. Lashrop of Springfield Forty five votes  
H. W. Bosworth of Springfield Three votes

For Sheriff

Justin D. Parks of Springfield had Ninety eight votes  
 H. L. Sanderson of Springfield had Forty eight votes  
 J. J. Galaman of Holyoke had Three votes

For Senator first  
Hampden District

Charles L. Gardner of Salmer had Ninety seven votes  
 William L. Smith of Springfield had Forty five votes  
 Henry W. Mallett of Springfield had Three votes  
 H. L. Sanderson of Springfield had one vote

For County

Commissioner

Edwin Chase of Holyoke had One Hundred and four votes  
 John D. Donnell of Holyoke had Forty five votes

For Special

Commissioners

Samuel A. Bartholomew of Blanford had One Hundred and one votes  
 Ira S. Potter of Wilbraham had One Hundred and one votes  
 Roland Parks of Russell had Forty five votes  
 S. C. Spellman of Wilbraham had Forty five votes  
 C. B. Mashell of Springfield had Three votes  
 M. M. Sessions of Wilbraham had Three votes

For Commissioners

of

Insolvency

William B. Rogers of Springfield had One Hundred and one votes  
 F. D. Lincoln of Brimfield had One Hundred and two votes  
 J. R. Dunbar of Westfield had One Hundred and one votes  
 Thomas P. Warren of Springfield had Forty five votes  
 J. P. Wall of Springfield had Forty five votes  
 M. W. Ely of Westfield had Forty five votes

For Representative

to

General Court

Phiny F. Spaulding of Brimfield had One Hundred and nine votes  
 Daniel S. Burr of Monson had Thirty three votes  
 James S. Blair of Brimfield had Five votes,

Amendment

to the

Constitution

Yes, Fifty five votes

No. None

During the reception of the votes as aforesaid the meeting transacted the following business viz:  
 Francis D. Lincoln was chosen Moderator, and the second article being under consideration it was

Voted

That the Selectmen, if after examination they approve



of the same, are hereby authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the town, to co-operate with any cities or towns in the County who may wish to unite to carry into effect the subject matter of Article second in the warrant

After the declaration of the votes as aforesaid on motion made and carried the meeting was adjourned to the Selectmen room where after making out, and sealing up the returns of the several votes as aforesaid, and the voting list the meeting, as per vote to that effect, was dissolved

A true copy of the Warrant, Constable return, and record of the proceedings of the meeting

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Town Clerk of Representative District Number One in Hampshire County held at the Selectmen room in Brimfield on Wednesday the seventh day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy seven at Noon for the purpose of examining the return of votes cast in the several <sup>towns</sup> in said District for Representatives to the General Court of Massachusetts

The whole number of votes returned was Six hundred and fifty seven (657) and were for the following persons viz;

For Phineas F. Spaulding of Brimfield, Three hundred and fifty nine (359)  
For Daniel S. Gunn of Monson, Two hundred and twenty four (224)  
For James S. Blair of Brimfield Seventy three votes, For P. S. Spaulding of Brimfield one vote

Phineas F. Spaulding of Brimfield having a plurality of the votes cast was declared Elected

Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk of Brimfield  
A. A. Gage " " " Monson  
F. E. Hinney " " " Holland  
C. S. Needham " " " Wales

Vote of the several towns

	Phineas F. Spaulding	Daniel S. Gunn	James S. Blair	P. S. Spaulding
Monson	144	148	61	
Brimfield	109	33	5	
Wales	71	33	7	1
Holland	35	10		
	359	224	73	1

Recorded by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk

Notice of Annual Meeting April 1<sup>st</sup> 1878  
 Springfield

To Francis C. Cook, Constable of the town  
 of Springfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth  
 of Massachusetts you are required to notify and  
 warn the inhabitants of the town of Springfield  
 qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to  
 meet at the Town Hall in said Springfield on  
 Monday the first day of April next at Ten o'clock  
 in the forenoon then and there to act on the  
 following articles viz:

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Second To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, and all committees and agents that the business of the town may require.
- Third To hear reports of the Selectmen and School Committee, and agents heretofore chosen by the town, and act thereon.
- Fourth To raise money for the support of schools for the ensuing year, and direct how the same shall be expended.
- Fifth To raise money for the support of Highways, Town Ways and Bridges, and direct how the same shall be expended.
- Sixth To raise money for the payment of town debts and to defray expenses for the current year.
- Seventh To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen for revising the list of jurors.
- Eighth To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of town debts and current expenses.
- Ninth To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods.



- Tenth To see what disposition the town will make of their dog fund -
- Eleventh To see what sum of money the town will appropriate to decorate the graves and monuments of the soldiers of the late war -
- Twelfth To see if the town will build a Town House, and pass all necessary votes to carry the same into effect -
- Thirteenth To see what sums of money the town will raise and appropriate to purchase a site and erect a Town House -
- Fourteenth To see if the town will discontinue the road leading from the main road near the Elm Ferry place and running Easterly by the house where Alexander Harwood formerly lived, to the end of said road heretofore used as a public highway -
- Fifteenth To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector -
- Sixteenth To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of their town officers and agents or any parts of the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same one each at the Town Hall, and at the Center Post Office, and by mailing one copy to East Brimfield Post Office, and by mailing or otherwise sending one copy to Charles W. Foshee requesting him to post the same at his mill in said Brimfield, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting -

And fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of <sup>said</sup> meeting. Given under our hands this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight -

Jas. B. Brown } Selectmen  
 M. H. Baker }  
 Chas. F. Spaulding } of Brimfield

I have served the within warrant on Thomas Harwood  
 of Brimfield  
 J. B. Brown  
 April 1st 1878  
 Attest  
 J. B. Brown  
 Town Clerk

A true copy of the warrant was  
 furnished to the Town Clerk  
 J. B. Brown  
 Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting, April 1, 1878

The inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Election and in Town affairs, met at the Town Hall pursuant to the foregoing warrant and were called to order by the Town Clerk after the reading of the warrant.

The votes were received for Moderator whole number of votes ninety one and were, for Elijah Allen one vote, for Samuel W. Brown five votes, for Francis J. Lincoln eighty five votes, and Francis J. Lincoln was declared elected and accepted the office.

Prayer by Rev W. B. Peirce.

Voted

Town Clerk

To proceed to the choice of Town Clerk, whole number of votes One Hundred and sixty one, and were for Elijah Allen eighty votes, for Henry Thrown eighty one votes, and Henry Thrown was declared elected and sworn by the Moderator,

Selectman

The votes were then received for a selectman whole number of votes One Hundred and sixty nine, for James B. Brown and Thomas J. Morgan one vote each, for Sumner Parker sixty three votes, for Henry Newton One Hundred and four votes, and Henry Newton was declared elected and sworn, At this ballot Henry F. Brown had one vote designated for Town Clerk.

Selectman

The votes were then received for a second selectman whole number of votes One Hundred and thirty five, and were for John Haley two votes, for David W. James two votes, for C. F. Spaulding one vote, for Charles F. Spaulding three votes, for Charles Spaulding seventeen votes, for Sumner Parker four votes, for C. Spaulding One Hundred and six votes, Charles F. Spaulding was declared elected and duly sworn.

Selectman

The votes were then received for a third selectman whole number of votes One Hundred and fifty two, and were for David W. James fifty nine votes, for Moses H. Baker ninety three votes, and Moses H. Baker was declared elected and duly sworn.



At this time 12 o'clock and 57 minutes noon the meeting on motion made and voted was adjourned for forty five minutes -

Met pursuant to adjournment

Voted

To elect three assessors, also to choose one at a time -

Assessor

The votes were then received for one Assessor whole number of votes, One Hundred and twenty five and were for George M. Nichols one vote, for Samuel W. Brown, fifty five votes, for Oscar F. Brown sixty nine votes, and Oscar F. Brown was declared elected and duly sworn.

Assessor

The votes were then received for another assessor whole number of votes, One Hundred and forty two, and were for Charles A. Hornor two votes, for Samuel W. Brown fifty four votes, for Sanford Booth eighty six votes, and Sanford Booth was declared elected, and duly sworn

Assessor

The votes were then received for a third Assessor whole number of votes, one hundred and thirty eight and were for Samuel W. Brown fifty six votes, for Nathan M. Goodale eighty two votes and Nathan M. Goodale was declared elected and duly sworn,

Voted

On motion of Darin. Shaw to take up and act on the 12<sup>th</sup> Article.

Moved

By James B. Brown

That the town proceed to ballot for or against building a Town House, all being in favor voting Yes, contrary minds voting No

George Bacon moved to amend by inserting after the word "Town House," the words "the cost not to exceed Five Thousand dollars," the amendment was adopted, and the motion as amended was adopted by the town as follows;

Voted

That the town proceed to ballot for or against building a Town House, the cost not to exceed Five Thousand dollars, all being in favor voting Yes, contrary minds voting No

Ballot The votes were then received upon the question resulting as follows;

Ninety five voting, Yes. (95)

Ninety One voting, No. (91)

Resolved That this meeting be adjourned to meet on Monday next April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 o'clock A. M.

And the meeting was so adjourned.

Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> 1878

The town met agreeable to adjournment at ten o'clock 10 minutes A.M. Francis J. Lincoln Moderator in the chair.

Moved By James B. Brown that a committee of five be raised who shall be fully empowered to select and procure a site, take charge of the erecting a Town House thereon either by contracting for the same or otherwise as they may deem best for the interest of the town. This motion was amended by making the number of the committee seven.

Resolved That the consideration of the above motion be assigned for one o'clock P. M. of this day.

Town Treasurer The votes were then received for Town Treasurer whole number of votes One hundred and one Alfred L. Converse had that number and was declared elected, and duly sworn.

School Committee The votes were then received for a School Committee for three years, whole number of votes One hundred and six Rev Webster F. Peirce having that number was declared elected.

Collector The votes were then received for Collector whole number of votes sixty six and were for the following persons for J. P. Webber nineteen votes, for John Webber four votes, for Jona Webber forty one votes, for Chas Newton one vote, for Alfred L. Converse one vote, Jonathan P. Webber was declared elected and duly sworn, no objections being made.

Constable The votes were then received for a Constable whole number of votes sixty, Phineas F. Spaulding had one vote,



Francis E. Cook had fifty nine votes and was declared elected and sworn.

Constable

The votes were then received for another Constable whole number of votes fifty four and were for James Synchon and Samuel W. Brown one vote each, for Byron W. Charles fifty two votes and <sup>he</sup> was declared elected & sworn

Voted

Five beavers

To choose three Five beavers. And that a committee of three be appointed to nominate the same, the Moderator appointed for this committee, N. S. Hubbard, Nathan W. Goodale and S. W. Brown who reported for Five beavers, George Dunham, Samuel W. Brown and Moses A. Chever, Mr Chever declining to be a candidate, the committee reported the name of Porter A. Parker.

Voted

Five beavers

To elect the three Five beavers all on one ballot - and the votes were received for the same, whole number of ballots eight, and the votes were as follows; for George Dunham eight votes, for Porter A. Parker eight votes, for Samuel W. Brown seven votes, for Alfred L. Conourse one vote, George Dunham Porter A. Parker, and Samuel W. Brown were declared elected, and George Dunham and Porter A. Parker were duly sworn, also Samuel W. Brown was sworn

Voted

To elect three Overseers of the Poor.

Voted

Overseers of Poor

On motion of Nathan F. Robinson, that a committee of five be appointed to nominate three Overseers of the Poor, and the Moderator appointed Nathan F. Robinson Emory Livermore, Edwin A. James, Thomas J. Maynard and George A. Webster as the committee who reported James B. Brown, Francis E. Cook and Frank B. Newton for Overseers of the Poor and they were chosen - James B. Brown declining to serve he was excused, and Porter A. Parker was elected, declining to serve he was excused, and Joseph L. Woods was elected, and

Francis E. Cook, Frank B. Newton, and Joseph L. Woods, were sworn as Overseers of the Poor

Library Director Ephraim W. Howwood was elected Director of the Public Library for three years.

Pound Keeper Bramin Sibley was chosen Pound Keeper

Sealer of Leather, Augustus Wheeler was chosen Sealer of Leather & Sworn

Noted To choose ~~Three~~ Measurers of Wood and Bark and  
Measurers of Norman S. Powers, Amos Munsie and Charles W. Foster  
Wood were chosen, Norman S. Powers asked to be excused  
& from serving, his request was granted, and Daniel  
Bark Shaw was chosen but declining to serve. Edwin A  
James was chosen in his place, and Charles W. Foster  
and Edwin A. James were duly sworn -

Auditing Committee Henry F. Brown, Arthur B. Brown and Edward  
H. Morgan were chosen Auditing Committee

Report of School Committee The report of the School Committee was presented  
in print and by vote accepted.

Auditors Report The report of the Auditors was presented in print  
and by vote of the town accepted.

Noted To act on the Fourth Article -

Noted On motion of Joseph L. Woods that the sum of  
Eighteen Hundred dollars be raised for the support  
of schools, and that of this amount Seventeen Hundred  
dollars be appropriated for the wages and board of teachers  
and for fuel and care of school-houses

And that the sum  
of One Hundred dollars be appropriated as above.  
with authority to the School Committee if they find  
it more economical to pay for the conveyance  
of scholars rather than support a school they  
are authorised to expend a portion or the whole  
for that purpose -



The fifth article being under consideration it was

Voted To raise and appropriate Twelve Hundred dollars for the support of Highways and Town ways -

Voted To raise <sup>and appropriate</sup> Two Hundred dollars for support of Bridges.

Voted To raise <sup>and appropriate</sup> Two Hundred dollars for Snow Paths.

Voted To leave the repairing of the roads and bridges with the Selectmen -

Report of Selectmen on Palmer Road The Selectmen reported that <sup>they</sup> had received the vote for a new road to Palmer as directed by <sup>vote</sup> of the of the town, and were of the opinion that it is not expedient to petition for the same and this report was accepted -

The Seventh article being under consideration it was.

Voted To accept the report of the Selectmen revising the list of jurors.

Voted To choose three Field Drivers, and Charles T. Barney, Edward Bliss and John C. Spring were chosen, Charles T. Barney, Sworn,  
Under the Eighth Article

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the payment of town debts and current expenses -

The Ninth Article being under consideration, on motion of Joseph L. Woods

Voted That the collector of taxes have the same duties and that he be subject to the same conditions and restrictions as the collector for last year - see pages 236, 216

Joseph L. Woods moved that the compensation of the collector of taxes be Fifty dollars, not carried

Voted On motion of Lucius A. Butler that the compensation of the collector be Forty dollars -

Sumner Parker resigned his office as one of the Directors of the Public Library and his resignation was accepted by the town.

Moved by Joseph L. Woods that a committee of three be appointed by the moderator to nominate a person to fill the vacancy in the board of Library Directors to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Sumner Parker - this motion was adopted -

And the moderator appointed Joseph L. Woods, Lucius A. Cutler and Alfred L. Converse as the committee for that purpose - who reported the name of Thomas J. Morgan - and he was chosen - Library Director to fill the vacancy - Jonathan P. Webber declined to serve as Collector of Taxes for the compensation (Forty dollars) voted by the town.

Joseph L. Woods moved to reconsider the vote fixing the compensation at Forty dollars and the motion was carried.

Voted On motion of Joseph L. Woods that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be Fifty dollars -

Moved By Henry F. Brown, the Tenth Article being under consideration, that the Dog Fund amounting to Eighty five  $\frac{72}{100}$  dollars be appropriated for the Public Library -

Joseph L. Woods moved to amend the motion by adding to the same the words, "provided seventy five per cent of the amount be expended for books," the amendment was accepted by the mass of the motion, and as amended the motion was adopted by the town.

The Eleventh Article being under consideration

Voted On motion of George Bacon

That the Selectmen be authorized to expend not to exceed the sum of Fifty dollars for the purposes specified in the Eleventh article -

Voted To pass over the election of Surveyors of Lumber

Voted To pass over the election of Sexton -



Report of Directors of Public Library. The report of the Directors of the Public Library was presented and read by Ephraim W. Norwood and on motion of Joseph L. Woods -

Noted That the same be accepted -

One o'clock P. M.

Special Arrangement taken up viz:

The motion of James B. Brown as amended -

"That a committee of seven be raised who shall be fully empowered to select and procure a site, take charge of the erecting a Town House thereon either by contracting for the same or otherwise as they may deem best for the interest of the town.

Moved By Lucius A. Butler as a substitute for the motion offered by James B. Brown.

That a committee of seven be chosen who shall be empowered to select a site, procure a plan for a Town House and an estimate of the expense thereof, and report the same to the town for their action. Not carried

Noted That the vote on the motion offered by James B. Brown as amended be taken by ballot, those in favor voting Yes, those opposed voting No

The votes were then received, whole number of ballots Two Hundred and three (203)

One Hundred and eight (108) voting Yes  
Ninety five (95) voting No  
and the motion was declared adopted

Noted On motion of George Bacon that the chair appoint a committee of five to nominate the committee of seven, the Moderator appointed for said committee George Bacon, Francis E. Cook, Alfred L. Converse, Darius Shaw and James W. Buxton, who reported James B. Brown, Alfred L. Converse, Wm. H. Shaw, Thomas J. Morgan, Porter A. Parker, Phineas F. Shaulding and Dwight P. Allen

for the committee of seven and they were chosen as said committee

Voted To take up and act on the Thirtieth Article

Voted On motion of James B. Brown, that the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5000,) be and hereby is appropriated for the erection of a Town House and of this amount the sum of Five Hundred dollars (\$500,) <sup>only</sup> be assessed upon the polls and estates for the current year -

Voted On motion of James B. Brown, that the sum of Two Thousand dollars (\$2000,) now remaining in the Treasury be applied towards the cost of a Town House.

Voted On motion of James B. Brown, that the Treasurer be empowered and directed to borrow from time to time such sums of money not exceeding Three Thousand dollars (\$3000,) in all as the building committee may require to carry into effect any of the foregoing votes.

Road  
continued Voted Article Fourteenth being under consideration, it was voted that the road there named and described be discontinued -

Under Article Fifteenth

Voted That the Collector be authorized to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector

The Sixth Article being under consideration.

Voted The following appropriation for the current year. Viz

For repair of School Houses.	One Hundred & fifty dollars	\$150.
" support of Paupers.	One Thousand dollars	1000.
" Officers salaries.	Four Hundred dollars	400.
" Miscellaneous purposes.	Two Hundred and fifty dollars	250.
" Discount on Taxes.	Three Hundred dollars	300.
" Unusual Expenses.	One Thousand dollars	1000
Total		\$3100.



Voted That of the sum voted and appropriated this day Six Thousand Three Hundred dollars (\$6300) be assessed upon the polls and estates the current year -

Voted That the meeting be dissolved, and it was so done

Recorded by, *Henry J. Thorne*  
Town Clerk

Warrant for Election November 5, 1878  
Hampden Co

To Francis C. Cook, Constable of the town of Brimfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Tuesday the fifth day of November next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, one Representative for the Eleventh Congressional District, one Councilor for Councilor District number 8, one Senator for Eastern Hampden District, one County Commissioner for Hampden County, one Register of Probate and Insolvency, and one Representative for the First Hampden District to represent said District in the next General Court of this Commonwealth - All on one ballot -

The Selectmen fix the time for closing the Polls at two o'clock P. M. and

Also

For the purpose of transacting the following town business viz:

First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To see whether the town will authorize and

direct the Treasurer to borrow such sums of money upon the notes of the town as may be needed to pay for the Town House above such sums as he may have in the Treasury lawfully applicable to that purpose.

Third

To see whether the town will vote to raise by taxation the current year the whole of the money appropriated for a Town House or of any part thereof beyond that already so voted to be raised, or whether the town will take any further action regarding the raising or payment of said money.

Fourth

To hear the report of the Selectmen and any committee or agents heretofore chosen and act on the same, and choose such committee or agents as the business of the town may require -

Fifth

To see what action if any the town will take in relation to the suits commenced against the town by Elisha W. Burr and Mary W. Burr -

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof one at the Town Hall, one at the center Post Office, and by mailing one to East-Brimfield Post office, and by posting or sending one to Foshette Mills seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

And you are directed to make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of holding said meeting. Given under our hands this twenty third day of October in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy eight.

Cheney Newton } Selectman  
Charles F. Spaulding }  
Moses W. Baker }  
Brimfield

Hampden Jr.,

Brimfield Nov 5, 1878. I have served the within warrant as therein directed.

Recorded by

F. E. Cook, Constable of  
Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk      Brimfield



## Annual Election Nov 5, 1878

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the voters of Brimfield met at the Town Hall and were called to order at 10 o'clock and 20 m A. M. by Henry Newton chairman of the selectmen after the reading of the warrant, the polls were opened for the reception of votes, at 2. P. M. On motion of F. D. Lincoln, to extend the time for closing the polls to 3. o'clock P. M. -

Voted

At 3 o'clock and 5 minutes P. M. the polls were closed and the votes were counted and declaration thereof made in open meeting and were as follows for:

For Governor

Thomas Talbot of Billerica had One Hundred and fifteen votes  
 Josiah S. Albot of Boston had Thirty two votes  
 Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell had Forty five votes  
 Alvaro A. Miner of Boston One vote

For Lieutenant  
Governor

John D. Long of Hingham had One Hundred and fifteen votes  
 William R. Plunkett of Pittsfield Thirty two votes  
 John F. Arnold of North Adams Forty four votes  
 George C. Ewing of Holyoke one vote

For Secretary

Henry B. Pierce of Abington had One Hundred and fifteen votes  
 Henry C. Ewing of Holyoke had Thirty two votes  
 Weston Howland of Fairhaven, Forty four votes  
 David B. Bunn of Abington one vote

For Treasurer and  
Receiver General

Charles Endicott of Canton had One Hundred and fifteen votes  
 David M. Shillings of Winchester had Thirty three votes  
 John H. Jennings of New Bedford had Forty four votes

For Auditor

Julius L. Blake of Newton had One Hundred and fifteen votes  
 John C. Fitzgerald of Boston had Thirty two votes  
 Davis J. Hoing of Boston had Forty two votes  
 Jonathan B. Ames of Marblehead One vote

For Councilor  
District No 8

Tilly Maynes of Springfield, One Hundred and Thirty two votes  
 Maynes H. Gibson of Northampton, Sixty one votes  
 Solomon F. Root of Dalton one vote

- For Attorney General  
 George Munston of New Bedford One Hundred & fifteen votes  
 Richard Olney of Boston, Thirty two votes  
 William D. Northend of Salem Forty four votes  
 Orrin T. Fay of Hyde Park One vote
- For Member of Congress District  
 N<sup>o</sup> Eight  
 George D. Robinson of Chicopee One Hundred and fifteen votes  
 Jarvis N. Dunham of Pittsfield, Fourteen votes  
 Edward M. Lathrop of Springfield, Sixty three votes  
 John Blackman of Springfield One vote
- For County Commissioner  
 Leonard Clark of Springfield One Hundred and sixteen votes  
 Lawson Sibley of Springfield Seventy seven votes  
 E. J. Richards of Holyoke One vote
- For Register of Probate  
 Samuel B. Spooner of Springfield had One Hundred  
 and ninety two votes.
- For Senator  
 Eastern Hampshire  
 Charles L. Gardner of Palmer One Hundred and Eighteen votes  
 Willis Phelps of Springfield Seventy three votes  
 Horace M. Sessions of Mansfield One vote
- For Representation to General Court  
 William J. Richetts of Monson One Hundred and seventeen votes  
 Joshua Tracy of Monson Seventy three votes

While the foregoing votes were received the meeting transacted the following town business viz;  
 The meeting was called to order for the transaction of Town business by the Town Clerk at one o'clock and forty minutes P. M. articles for town business read

Voted To choose a Moderator by ballot, and votes received for the same, whole number of votes sixty nine and one for Charles L. Spaulding three votes, for Samuel W. Brown, nine votes, for Francis J. Lincoln Fifty seven votes. Francis Lincoln was declared elected

Voted On motion of Joseph L. Woods, that a committee of three be chosen to examine School House N<sup>o</sup> 2 at East Brimfield, and report to the



town what measures it is advisable to take to furnish suitable accommodations for the school in that part of the town, and Francis C. Cook Henry E. Brown and Harvey Jones were appointed for the committee

Noted On motion of Francis C. Cook to act on the 5<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant. do

Noted That the subject matter of the 5<sup>th</sup> article be left with the selectmen, to take such action as they judge best for the interest of the town

Moved By Samuel W. Brown that the consideration of the Second and Third articles in the warrant be postponed to one o'clock P. M. of the first of April next, not carried 62 voting in the Aff and 79 in the Neg -

Moved By L. A. Cutler that the matter be postponed indefinitely, not carried

Noted On motion of Thomas J. Morgan to take up and act on the 3<sup>d</sup> article -

Noted To authorize and direct the Treasurer to borrow such sums of money upon the notes of the town as may be needed to pay for the Town House above such sums as he may have in the Treasury lawfully applicable to that purpose - the <sup>vote</sup> on the above was 77 in the Affirmative 57 in the Negative, and declared by the Moderator, not a two thirds vote -

Noted That the Treasurer be authorized to give the notes of the town payable in one, two, three, four and five years for such money as may be necessary to meet the expense incurred by building of the town house, such sums not to exceed the amount appropriated last Spring - on the above, 77 voted Affirmative and 15 in the Negative, and it was declared by the moderator to be adopted by a two thirds vote -

Resolved That the meeting for the transaction of town business be dissolved -

After the declaration of the votes as aforesaid, on motion made and adopted to that effect the meeting was adjourned to the Selectmens room, where after making out and sealing up the returns of the votes as aforesaid, also the votes cast, and the voting list used this day, it was voted that the meeting be dissolved and it was so done -

Recorded by Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Town Clerks of Representative District Number One in Hampshire County held at the Selectmen room in Brimfield. Wednesday the sixth day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy eight at Noon for the purpose of examining the returns of votes cast in the several towns in said District for Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts

The whole number of votes returned was Nine Hundred and eighteen, and were for the following persons viz;

For William J. Richetts of Monson, Five Hundred and thirty three 533

For Joshua Tracy of Monson, Three Hundred and sixty six 366

For Rev Henry Lummis of Monson, Nineteen 19

William J. Richetts of Monson having a plurality of the votes cast was declared Elected -

Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk of Brimfield

F. B. Hinney " " " Holland

H. H. Haradon " " " Wales

A. A. Page " " " Monson

### Vote of the several Towns

	William J. Richetts	Joshua Tracy	Rev Henry Lummis
Monson	275	205	19
Brimfield	117	73	
Wales	100	64	
Holland	41	24	
	<u>533</u>	<u>366</u>	

A true copy. Attest Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk



# Town Officers for 1878

Who accepted the offices to which they were chosen  
and where an oath of office is required were duly sworn

Town Clerk  
Henry F. Brown

Overseers of Poor

Francis E. Cook  
Frank B. Newton  
Joseph L. Woods

Measurers of Wood & Bark

Charles W. Foster  
Edwin A. Jones

Selectmen

Cheney Newton

Charles F. Spaulding

Moses M. Baker

Assessors

Oscar F. Brown

Samuel Booth

Nathaniel Goodale

Director of School for 3 years

Ephraim W. Horwood

Thomas J. Morgan for 1 year

Constables

Francis E. Cook

Byron W. Charles

Field Drivers

Charles T. Barney

Building Committee

James B. Brown

Alfred L. Converse

Wm M. Shaw

Thos J. Morgan

Porter A. Parker

P. F. Spaulding

Dwight P. Allen

Treasurer

Alfred L. Converse

School Committee

for three years

Rev Webster H. Pierce

Henry Bowers

George Dunham

Samuel W. Brown

Porter A. Parker

Auditing Committee

Henry F. Brown

Edward M. Morgan

Arthur B. Brown

Collector

Jonathan P. Webber

Dealers of Leather

Augustus Wheeler

List of Jurors

George M. Upham

Thomas J. Morgan

Arthur B. Brown

Edwin A. Jones

James S. Blair

Charles A. Brown

Norman S. Powers

James Dunham

Philip F. Spaulding

Ernest Livornale

Elijah Allen

Cheney Newton

Francis E. Cook

James Reed Brown

Edward B. Brown

Recorded by  
Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting December 30, 1879  
Cambridge

To Francis C. Cook, Constable of the  
town of Brimfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn  
the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to  
vote in Elections, to meet at the Town Hall in  
Brimfield on Monday the thirtieth day of December  
inst at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the  
following articles viz:

- First To choose a moderator to preside in said Meeting
- Second To hear and act on the report of the committee  
chosen to examine school-house N<sup>o</sup> 2, at East  
Brimfield and report to the town what measures  
it is advisable to take to furnish suitable accom-  
-modations for the school in that part of the town,  
and pass all orders, and choose all committees  
and agents, necessary to carry into effect whatever  
action the town may take upon the same -
- Third To see what sum of money the town will raise and  
appropriate to furnish their Town House and direct  
in what manner the same shall be expended -
- Fourth To choose all agents and committees that the  
business of the town may require and hear reports  
of agents and committees heretofore chosen by the  
town and act thereon -

And you are directed to  
serve this warrant by posting up attested copies  
thereof one at the Town Hall one at the center  
Post Office and by mailing one to the East-Brimfield  
Post Office, and by mailing or otherwise sending  
one to Foshets Mills seven days at least before the  
time of holding said meeting -

Hereof fail not and  
make due return of this warrant, with your doings



thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place for holding said meeting -

Given under our hands this twenty first day of December in the year one Thousand eight hundred and seventy eight -

Cheney Newton } Selectmen  
Chas<sup>r</sup> H. Spaulding } of Brimfield  
Hampden Co

Brimfield Dec 30, 1878

I have served the within warrant as therein directed

Francis C. Cook

Constable of Brimfield

Town Meeting December 30, 1878

The voters of Brimfield assembled in pursuance of the foregoing warrant and were called to order by the Town Clerk, after the reading of the warrant, voted to choose a moderator by ballot -

The votes were then received, whole number of votes Forty six (46) and were for Samuel W. Brown seven votes, and Francis D. Lincoln had thirty nine votes and was chosen -

The committee chosen to examine School-house N<sup>o</sup> 2, made an oral report of their examinations of the school-house, also of the Church at East Brimfield and the price for which the Church could be bought, on motion of James B. Brown.

Noted

That the present committee be enlarged by the addition of two persons, to their number, and when thus organized the committee be authorized to contract for and erect such a house on or near the site of school-house N<sup>o</sup> 2 as they after a further and full examination may judge best for the interest of the town

Noted

That the chair appoint the committee of two, and be appointed David W. Jones and Nathaniel P. Robinson

and they were chosen.

Voted On motion of James<sup>B</sup> Brown that the sum of Six Hundred dollars be appropriated for furnishing the Town House, the Moderator declared the motion adopted unanimously.

Voted That the matter of furnishing the Town House be left with the committee for building the Town House, carried by a unanimous vote.

Voted That the selectmen be requested hereafter to order, in the service of warrants for future meetings, that one be mailed to the Post Office at West Brimfield —

Voted That the meeting be dissolved, and it was so done —

A true copy of the warrant, and record of the proceedings under the same

Recorded by Henry Johnson  
Town Clerk

This certifies that I have destroyed the ballots cast at the Election Nov 5, 1878 in accordance with the provisions of Statutes of 1876 Chap 188

Henry Johnson  
Town Clerk



Warrant for  
Annual Meeting  
April 7<sup>th</sup> 1879.

Married

To Francis E. Cook Constable of the  
town of Brimfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn  
the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to  
vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in  
said Brimfield on Monday the seventh day of  
April next at ten o'clock in the forenoon then  
and there to act on the following articles viz;

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting -
- Second To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing  
year, and all committees and agents that the  
business of the town may require -
- Third To hear reports of the Selectmen and School Committee  
and agents heretofore chosen by the town and act  
thereon.
- Fourth To raise money for the support of schools and direct  
how the same shall be expended -
- Fifth To raise money for the support of highways town ways  
and bridges and direct how the same shall be  
expended -
- Sixth To raise money for the payment of town debts,  
and to defray expenses for the current year -
- Seventh To see if the town will accept the report of the  
Selectmen for revising the list of jurors -
- Eighth To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer  
to borrow money for the payment of town debts  
and current expenses -
- Ninth To see if the town will allow a discount on  
taxes if paid within certain periods -

- Tenth To see what disposition the town will make of their Dog fund—
- Eleventh To see what sum of money the town will appropriate to decorate the graves and monuments of the soldiers of the late war—
- Twelfth To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector
- Thirteenth To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of their town officers and agents or any parts of the same—
- Fourteenth To see if the town will accept the provisions of the act of 1877 Chap 186 and of the act of 1878 Chap 255 in relation to the election of Overseers of the Poor, Selectmen and Assessors—
- Fifteenth To see if the town will change the time of holding their Annual town meeting—
- Sixteenth To see if the town will purchase a bell for the Town House, and appropriate money for the same—

And you are directed to serve this

warrant by posting attested copies of the same, one each at the Town Hall and at the Center Post-Office, and by mailing one each to the East and West Brimfield Post-Offices, and by mailing or otherwise sending one copy to Charles W. Fosket requesting him to post the same at his mills in said Brimfield, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting—

Being fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting—

Given under our hands this twenty second day of March in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy nine

Cherry Newton } Selectmen of  
M. H. Baker } Brimfield

Brimfield April 7. 1879

I have served the within warrant as therein directed

Francis C. Cook— Constable

A true copy of the warrant  
and Constables return thereon

Attest. Mary Thrown, Town Clerk



Annual Meeting. The Inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote  
 April 7, 1879 in Town affairs, met at the Town Hall pursuant  
 to the foregoing warrant, and were called to  
 order by the Town Clerk, after the reading of the  
 warrant.

Election of  
 Moderator

The votes were received for Moderator  
 whole number of votes Eighty one and were  
 for Henry F. Brown one vote, for Francis D.  
 Lincoln Eighty votes and he was declared  
 elected.

Prayer by Rev W. H. Pierce

Town Clerk

The votes were then received for Town Clerk whole  
 number of votes One Hundred and sixty four  
 and were for George M. Hitchcock, sixty eight votes,  
 for Henry F. Brown, ninety six votes and Henry  
 F. Brown was declared elected, & sworn by the  
 Moderator.

Voted To act on the Fourteenth Article

Voted To choose Three Selectmen for one year

Voted To choose a board of three Assessors, also  
 three Overseers of Poor all for one year

Selectman

The votes were then received for one Selectman  
 whole number of votes One Hundred and  
 eight all for Henry Newton, and he was  
 declared elected by a unanimous vote and  
 sworn

Selectman

The votes were then received for another  
 Selectman whole number of votes One Hundred  
 and thirty nine. A. L. Converse and Thomas  
 McMahon had one vote each, John Shardy had  
 three votes, David W. Jones had forty eight votes,  
 Moses B. Baker had Eighty six votes and  
 was declared elected. - & sworn -

Selectman

The votes were then received for a third Selectman

Whole number of votes One hundred and forty six. David W. Jones had one vote, Elijah Allen had sixty eight votes. Phineas T. Spaulding had seventy seven votes and was declared elected and sworn.

At twelve o'clock and six minutes noon it was voted to adjourn for 45 minutes and the meeting was so adjourned.

Assessor

Met as per adjournment. The votes received for an Assessor, whole number of votes seventy one. Thomas J. Morgan had one vote, Sanford Booth had two votes, Oscar F. Brown had sixty eight votes and was declared elected & sworn.

Assessor

The votes were then received for another Assessor whole number of votes One hundred and twenty seven Samuel W. Brown had one vote, Elijah Allen had one vote, William H. Shaw had fifty two votes and Sanford Booth had Seventy three votes and was declared elected and sworn.

Assessor

The votes were then received for a third Assessor whole number of votes One hundred and thirty five Samuel W. Brown had Fifty five votes, Edward H. Morgan had Eighty votes and was declared elected and sworn.

School Committee  
for  
Three years

The votes were then received for a School Committee for three years, whole number of votes ninety five and was for John N. Hubbard and Alfred L. Converse one vote each, for Newton S. Hubbard nine votes, for Joseph L. Woods, eighty two votes, and he was declared elected.

Treasurer

The votes were then received for Treasurer whole number of votes Sixty seven, Joseph L. Woods had one vote, Alfred L. Converse, had sixty six votes and was declared elected.

Collector

The votes were then received for Collector, whole number of votes Fifty nine, Alfred L. Converse



had one vote, Jonathan P. Wilber had Fifty eight votes and was declared elected, and sworn —

Constable

The votes were then received for a Constable whole number of votes, Fifty seven, Joseph L. Woods had one vote, Francis E. Cook had Fifty six votes and was declared elected and sworn —

Constable

The votes were then received for another Constable whole number of votes Forty eight, Thomas M. Mahon had four votes, Byron W. Charles had forty four votes and was declared elected, and sworn

Moved

By Samuel W. Brown that we proceed to elect three Overseers of Poor by ballot, not a vote

Voted

That a committee of three be appointed to nominate three Fence Viewers —

Fence Viewers

Samuel Parker, E. W. Potter and George M. Hitchcock were appointed for said Committee and reported, John W. Browning, Porter A. Parker and George Durham for Fence Viewers

Voted

That the Fence Viewers be voted for on one Ballot

Fence Viewers

The ballots were then received for Fence Viewers whole number of ballots Fifteen, and the votes were as follows; for Joseph B. Parker and John W. Brown one vote each, for George Durham four votes, for Porter A. Parker, five votes, for Edwin A. James ten votes, for Arthur B. Brown ten votes for John W. Browning fourteen votes and John W. Browning, Arthur B. Brown and Edwin A. James were declared elected Fence Viewers & sworn in

Voted

On motion of George Bacon that a committee of three be appointed to nominate three Overseers of Poor and the committee was appointed by the Moderator, and the committee reported for Overseers of Poor, Francis E. Cook, Edward

Overseers of Poor

W. Hitchcock and Elijah Allen and they were chosen and duly sworn  
 Voted That the repairing of the Highways and Bridges be left with the Selectmen -

Voted To choose Five Measurers of Wood and Bark and  
 Measurers of Edwin A. James, was chosen but not wishing to serve was excused, Byron W. Charles was chosen Sworn, George Bacon, was chosen Sworn, and Royal D. Butler and James T. Brown were chosen -

Voted To choose five Field Drivers and Willie M. Hitchcock, Oscar E. Dix, Frank M. Newton, John F. Bonneau, Field Drivers Moses M. Baker and Wilbur S. Parker were chosen. Moses M. Baker asked to be excused and his request was granted, and the others duly sworn.

Pound Keeper Edward Bliss was chosen Pound Keeper

Sealer of Leather Augustus Wheeler was chosen Sealer of Leather

Voted That the Report of the Auditors be printed

Voted That a committee of five be appointed to nominate a Library Directors for Three years - and Samuel W. Brown, Nathan F. Robinson, Francis E. Cook, Sumner Parker, and Henry Newton were appointed -

And reported Thomas J. Maynard for Library Director and he was chosen

List of jurors The report of the selectmen revising the List of jurors was presented and read. James Reed Brown asked to have his name taken from the list and his request was granted - and the remainder of the list was accepted by the meeting -



Noted That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be Sixty dollars, and that the Collector be entitled to his pay whenever he has paid into the Treasury all Taxes committed to him to collect, that the Assessors consider collectible

Pay of Collector

The Committee of three appointed by the Selectmen as per vote of the town under Article 13 of the Warrant for the Annual Meeting April 2, 1877 presented their Report concluding with the following viz;

Noted That the Selectmen be authorised and requested if, after communicating with the Fish Commissioners and such other investigations as they find necessary, they think expedient to secure a lease for a series of years, of one or both of our Ponds known as the Brimfield, and the Little Alarm Ponds, and also to submit to the town for their adoption such by Laws as may be needed to secure to the town the exclusive use of the Ponds — which was adopted by vote of the town —

Recommendation  
of  
Committee  
on Ponds

Noted That the Dog Fund amounting to Eighty one  $\frac{3}{100}$  dollars be appropriated for the purchase of Books for the Public Library —

Noted That our Representative in the Legislature be requested to vote against any proposition diverting any portion of the Dog Fund from its present purposes

Noted To raise Seventeen Hundred <sup>dollars</sup> for the support of Schools, that Sixteen Hundred dollars of this amount be appropriated for the wages and board of Teachers, fuel, and the care of school-houses.

Schools

And that the balance be appropriated for conveyance of scholars and other proper and legitimate expenses of schools —

Noted That this meeting be adjourned to meet

tomorrow April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 o'clock A.M. — and the meeting was so adjourned —

Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> 1879

Mt pursuant to adjournment

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow in anticipation of taxes for the current year such sums of money as may be needed for the payment of town debts and current expenses —

Voted That no note shall be valid against the town unless signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Selectmen, and that the Selectmen shall keep a record of all notes so signed, the amount, when and to whom payable —

Voted That for the current year, the whole matter of the care, use and control of the Town House be left with the Selectmen —

Voted On motion of Joseph L. Woods, that the free use of this house be given to the inhabitants of the town for Agricultural and Educational meetings, provided the Selectmen think such use for the public benefit —

Moved By George Bacon to raise One Thousand dollars for repair of highways.

Moved By Alfred L. Connor to raise Twelve Hundred dollars for repair of highways.

Voted To raise Twelve Hundred dollars for the repair of highways —

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized and requested to unite with the Selectmen of Palmer in a petition to the County Commissioners to discontinue the road and Bridge from Palmer road to M. C. Fenton's —

Voted To raise One Hundred dollars for support of Bridges —



Voted To raise One Hundred dollars for Snow Paths -

Voted To raise One Hundred dollars for Repair of School-house -

Voted To raise Twelve Hundred dollars for the support of paupers -

Voted To raise Four Hundred dollars for salaries of Officers -

Voted To raise Two Hundred and fifty dollars for Miscellaneous expenses -

Voted To appropriate One Hundred dollars for the purchase of books for the Public Library payable in such amounts, and at such times as the Library Directors shall certify to the Selectmen that an amount equal to that called for has been secured for the same purpose by donation or otherwise -

Voted That the Library Directors be instructed to take measures to secure means to avail themselves of the above vote -

Voted As the sense of the town that the Selectmen and Library Directors confer together and if thought best, remove the Library to the Town House

Voted To raise Fifteen Hundred dollars for unusual expenses -

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to expend not to exceed the sum of Fifty dollars to decorate the graves and monuments of the soldiers of the late war -

Voted That the collector be authorized to use the means for collecting taxes, which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector -

Voted That the Collector of taxes have the same duties and that he be subject to the same conditions and restrictions as the Collector for <sup>except as to compensation</sup> last year - see pages 216-236-266

Moved That the time for holding the Annual Meeting be changed to the second Monday in March - Not carried

Voted On motion of Alfred L. Converse that the town raise and appropriate Two Hundred dollars for the purpose of fitting up a place for, and procuring a Bell for the Town House -

Voted That the Building committee be authorized to carry the above vote into effect -

Voted To authorize the Selectmen to procure a Time piece for the Hall -

Voted To authorize and direct the Treasurer to borrow such sums of money upon the notes of the town as may be needed to pay for the School-House at East Brimfield, above such sums as he may have in the Treasury lawfully applicable to that purpose - Passed by a vote of fifty (50) in the affirmative, none in the negative

The following preamble and votes were adopted by the town on the first day of the meeting April 7<sup>th</sup> viz;

Whereas James B. Brown, Pliny F. Spaulding, Porter A. Parker, Dwight T. Allen, William H. Shaw, Thomas J. Morgan, and Alfred L. Converse, a committee chosen by the town to select a site and build or cause to be built thereon a house suitable and convenient for the transaction of its public business, and for the keeping of its books, public documents, and property, have harmoniously and gratuitously performed the duty assigned them, without exceeding reasonable estimates made for that purpose, therefore it is -

Voted That the thanks of the town be and are hereby tendered to them for the prudent, jealous care and faithfulness exercised in producing this house, so beautiful and commodious, and so convenient



and well adapted for the transaction of public business and the keeping of public property.

Noted That the Moderator and clerk tender to Dea J. P. Cherry the thanks of the town for his faithfulness ~~for his faithfulness~~ in constructing this Town House in a substantial and workmanlike manner —

Noted That the clerk enter this preamble and these votes on the town records.

Noted That the Selectmen audit the accounts of the Treasurer and Overseers of Poor —

Noted On motion of Samuel W. Brown, that the thanks of the meeting be tendered to Capt Francis J. Lincoln, for the very able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of Moderator of this Annual Meeting —

Recorded

By Henry J. Brown  
Town Clerk

# Town Officers for 1879

Who accepted the offices to which they were chosen, and where an oath of office is required were duly sworn -

<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>Overseers of Poor</b>	<b>Surveyors of Lumber</b>
Henry F. Brown	Francis E. Cook	Charles W. Fosket
	Edward W. Hitchcock	David W. James
<b>Selectmen</b>	Elijah Allen	Thomas J. Morgan
Cheney Newton		
Moses H. Baker	<b>Director of Library for 3 years</b>	<b>Field Drivers</b>
Pliny F. Spaulding	Thomas J. Morgan	Willie H. Hitchcock
		Frank M. Newton
<b>Assessors</b>	<b>Constables</b>	John F. Converse
Oscar F. Brown	Francis E. Cook	Wilbur S. Parker
Sanford Booth	Byron W. Charles	
Edward H. Mayan		<b>Sealer of Leather</b>
	<b>Fence Viewers</b>	Augustus Wheeler
<b>Treasurer</b>	John W. Browning	
Alfred L. Converse	Arthur B. Brown	<b>Pound Keeper</b>
	Edwin A. James	Edward Bliss
<b>School Committee</b>		
for two years	<b>Measurers of Wood &amp; Bark</b>	<b>Collector</b>
Joseph L. Woods	Byron W. Charles	Jonathan T. Webber
	George Baron	

## List of Jurors

Thomas J. Morgan	Charles A. Brown	Erney Livermore
Arthur B. Brown	Norman S. Powers	Cheney Newton
Edwin A. James	James Dunham	Francis E. Cook
James S. Blair	Pliny F. Spaulding	Elijah Allen
	Elijah E. Tarbell	

Recorded

By  
Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



Warrant for Election November 4<sup>th</sup> 1879  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co

To Francis C. Cook Constable of the  
town of Brimfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to bring in their ballots for a Governor, a Lieut Governor one Councillor for District number 8, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorney General of this Commonwealth, one Senator for the Eastern Hampden District one County Commissioner to fill the office for the the remainder of the term for which Lawson Sibly was chosen to wit; for the term ending the first Wednesday in January A.D. 1882 — One County Commissioner for three years, one Register of Deeds, one County Treasurer, and one Representative for District No 1 in Hampden County to represent said District in the next General Court of this Commonwealth —

The Selectmen propose 2 o'clock P.M. as the time for closing the Polls.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof one each, at the Town Hall, at the center Post Office, and by mailing one to the East Brimfield Post Office and to the West Brimfield Post Office, and by sending one to Foshetts Mills seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of holding said meeting — —

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of October in  
the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy nine

Cheney Newton, Selectman  
M. H. Baker of  
P. F. Spaulding } Brimfield

Hampden Jr

Brimfield November 4, 1879

I have served the within warrant as therein  
directed

F. E. Cook  
Constable of Brimfield

### Annual Election November 4, 1879

In pursuance of the foregoing warrant the voters of  
Brimfield assembled at the Town Hall and were  
called to order by Cheney Newton, chairman of the  
Selectmen, after the reading of the warrant, the polls  
at ten o'clock 14 minutes A.M. were opened for  
the reception of votes, and were kept open until  
two o'clock and 30 minutes P.M. when in accordance  
with a vote of the meeting the polls were closed -  
and the votes were sorted, counted and declaration  
thereof made in open meeting and were as follows;

For Governor John D. Long of Bingham <sup>had</sup> One Hundred and forty one votes  
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell, had Forty one votes,  
John Quincy Adams of Quincy, had Twenty one votes.

For Lieut Governor Byron Weston of Dalton, had One Hundred and twenty one votes,  
William B. Plunkett of Pittsfield, had Twenty one votes,  
Albert C. Woodworth, of Chicopee, had Forty one votes.

For Secretary of State Henry B. Pierce, of Abington, had One Hundred & twenty one votes  
Michael T. Donahue of Boston, had Sixty two votes -

For Treasurer and Charles Endicott of Canton had One Hundred & twenty one votes  
Receiver General David M. Shillings of Winchester had Sixty two votes -



For Auditor

Charles B. Ladd of Springfield <sup>had</sup> One Hundred & twenty two votes  
 Charles B. Field, of Greenfield, had Twenty votes  
 Davis J. Laing, of Boston, had Forty one votes.

For Attorney General

George Marston, of New Bedford, had One Hundred & twenty one votes  
 Richard Olney, of Boston, had Twenty one votes,  
 William D. Northend of Salem had Forty one votes,

For Councilman for

For Richmond Kingman of Lummington One Hundred &amp; fourteen

District N<sup>o</sup> Eight For Oscar Edwards of Northampton, Sixty seven, votes

For Register of Deeds

For James C. Russell of Springfield, One Hundred &amp; Eighty three

For Co. Commissioners  
for Three years

Leonard Clark of Springfield, One Hundred & seventeen votes  
 Lawson Sibley of Springfield had Sixty seven votes.

For Co. Commissioners  
for Two years

Lewis F. Root of Westfield had One Hundred & seventeen votes  
 John Dixon of Cheshire had Sixty five votes -

For Co. Treasurer

M. Wells Bridge of Springfield had One Hundred & forty two votes  
 John L. Rice, of Springfield, had Forty votes -

For Senator

Marcus P. Knowlton of Springfield had One Hundred & twenty one vote  
 Eliphad Trask of Springfield had Thirty three votes -  
 Albert Holt of Springfield, had Twenty four votes -

For Representatives

John C. Burley of Wales, had One Hundred & one votes -  
 1<sup>st</sup> Hampshire District Alfred B. Barber of Wales had Thirty three votes  
 Nathan F. Robinson of Brimfield, Twenty one votes  
 Julius M. Lyon of Wales, Twenty seven votes

After the declaration of the votes aforesaid, the making out and  
 sealing up the returns of the same, and the vote cast, and  
 the voting list used this day, one motion of S. W. Brown -

Voted

That the meeting be dissolved, and it was  
 so done -

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown  
 Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Town Clerk of Representative District number One in Hampden County, Massachusetts held at the Selectmen's Room in Brimfield Wednesday the fifth day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy nine at noon for the purpose of examining the returns of votes cast in the several towns in said District for Representation to the General Court of Massachusetts. The whole number of votes returned was Eight Hundred and ninety three and were for the following persons viz:

For John C. Burley of Wales, Four Hundred and four  
 For Alfred B. Barker of Wales, Two Hundred & seventy four,  
 For Julius M. Lyon of Wales, One Hundred & Eighty nine  
 For Nathan F. Robinson of Brimfield, Twenty six  
 John C. Burley of Wales  
 having a plurality of the votes cast was declared  
 Elected -

Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk of Brimfield  
 A. A. Gage, " " " Monson  
 O. P. Royce, " " " Wales  
 F. E. Hinney, " " " Holland -

### Vote of the several Towns

	John C. Burley	Alfred B. Barker	Julius M. Lyon	Nathan F. Robinson
Brimfield	101	33	27	21
Monson	183	213	102	
Wales	85	19	54	1
Holland	35	9	6	4
	<u>404</u>	<u>274</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>26</u>

A true copy Attest

Henry F. Brown  
 Town Clerk

Brimfield January 5, 1880

This certifies that I have destroyed  
 the ballots cast at the Election November 4, 1880  
 in accordance with the provisions of Statute 1876  
 Chap 188,  
 Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk



Warrant for Town Meeting December 6<sup>th</sup> 1879  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

To Francis E. Cook, Constable of the  
town of Brimfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify  
and warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield  
qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the  
Town Hall in Brimfield on Saturday the sixth day  
of December next at one o'clock in the afternoon  
to act on the following articles viz;

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Second To see if the Town will rescind, alter or change  
their vote in relation to the collection of interest  
on taxes so that it will not conflict with State law
- Third To see if the town will alter, modify or extend  
the provisions of the vote passed by the town  
January 13<sup>th</sup> 1877 in relation to the distribution  
of the History of the town, or otherwise act thereon -
- Fourth To see if the town will alter or amend their  
Tenant Law -

And you are directed to serve this  
warrant by posting attested copies thereof one  
at the Town Hall, one at the center Post Office  
and by mailing one each to the East and  
West Brimfield, Post Offices, and by mailing  
or otherwise sending one to Foshett with  
seven days at least before the time for holding  
said meeting

Whereof fail not and make due  
return of this warrant, with your doings  
thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and  
place of holding said meeting -

Given under

our hands this twenty fourth day of November in the year  
One Thousand, Eight Hundred and seventy nine -

Cheney Weston } Selectmen  
P. F. Spaulding } of Brimfield

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co. Brimfield Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1879

I have served the within warrant as  
therein directed

Francis E. Cook, Constable of Brimfield

Town Meeting December 6<sup>th</sup> 1879

In compliance with the requirement of the  
foregoing warrant, the voters of Brimfield met  
at the Town Hall, and were called to order by  
the Town Clerk, after the reading of the warrant  
it was

Voted To choose a Moderator by nomination from  
the meeting, and Samuel W. Brown was  
nominated and chosen

Voted That the Collector of Taxes be required to collect  
interest at the rate of six per cent per annum  
upon all Taxes assessed for the current year  
remaining unpaid January 1, 1880, instead of  
the rate voted at the Annual Meeting -

Voted That the list of Families as resident May 1, 1877 as prepared  
by the committee and read to the town, as those who  
are now resident and entitled to a copy of the  
History of the town under the vote of Jan'y 13, 1877  
with the additions made at this meeting be  
accepted as the list for the distribution of the  
History, And that so much of said vote as would  
give a copy to parties then resident, who have  
since left town be rescinded, Provided that the  
committee be authorized to grant copies to those  
who by omission, or otherwise they deem entitled to  
the same.



Noted That the Committee be authorized to exchange for Histories of other towns to be placed in the Public Library.

Noted To pass over the Fourth article -

The Overseers of the Poor reported to the town that John Carly had presented a bill for about \$150. for the care of a State Pauper which they considered exorbitant and asked for directions and advice from the town. There being no article in the warrant for action on the matter

Noted As an informal act of the town, as expression of opinion on the matter presented that the Overseers tender Mr Carly \$100. for full payment of the bill presented -

Noted That the meeting be dissolved and it was so done

Recorded by  
 Mary J. Brown  
 Town Clerk

Annual Election April 5, 1880  
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 Hampden Co

To Francis C. Cook Constable of  
 the town of Brimfield Greeting

In the name of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the fifth day of April next at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles - viz:

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, also all committees and agents the business of

Warrant

- of the town may require
- Third To hear reports of Town Officers and agents hereafter chosen, and act thereon -
- Fourth To raise money for the support of Schools for the ensuing year, and direct how the same shall be expended -
- Fifth To raise money for the support of Highways, town ways and Bridges, and direct how the same shall be expended.
- Sixth To raise money for the payment of town debts, and to defray expenses for the current year -
- Seventh To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen for revising the list of jurors -
- Eighth To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of town debts and current expenses -
- Ninth To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods or act thereon -
- Tenth To see what sum of money (if any) the town will appropriate to decorate the graves and monuments of the soldiers of the late war or act thereon -
- Eleventh To see what disposition the town will make of their Dog Fund
- Twelfth To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector -
- Thirteenth To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of their town officers or any part of the same,
- Fourteenth To see if the town will change the time of holding their Annual Town meeting -
- Fifteenth To see if the town will choose a Town House committee



also fix the charges, for the use of the Town House, and for what purposes (if any) it may be opened or act thereon as the town may see fit—

Sixteen To see if the town will extend the privileges of the town Library to their public schools—

Seventeenth To see if the town will take any action in regard to selling or otherwise disposing of their wood lot on "Death Hill," so called or act thereon—

Eighteenth To see if the town will take any action in regard to building a Water Closet for the convenience of the Town House, or act thereon—

Nineteenth To see if the town will appropriate any money and if so, what amount, for fitting up the room at the Town House, designed for a Library, or act thereon—

Twentieth To see if the town will alter or amend their Truant Laws.

Twenty First To see if the town will direct or advise a reduction of the number of public school in town or take any action in the matter—

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Town Hall, also one at the center Post-Office, and by mailing one each to the East and West Brimfield Post Offices, and by mailing or otherwise sending one copy to Foshute Mills in said Brimfield seven days at least before the time of holding, said meeting.

Whereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid, Given under our hands this twentieth day of March in the year One Thousand Eight-Hundred and eighty—

Cherry Newton } Selectmen  
Moses M. Barker } Brimfield  
Manufacturers Co. Brimfield Apr 5, 1880  
I have served the within warrant as therein directed

A true copy of the Warrant & Francis E. Cook, Constable of Brimfield  
Collector return thereon, Attest Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk—

# Annual Meeting April 5, 1880

Meeting

In obedience to the foregoing warrant the voters of Springfield assembled at the Town Hall on Monday April 5<sup>th</sup> and were called to order by the Town Clerk at 10. o. clock A. M. after the reading of the warrant and Constable's return thereon, the votes were received for a Moderator, whole number of votes one hundred and thirty one (131) and were for Samuel W. Brown fifty two votes, for Francis J. Lincoln Seventy nine votes, and he was declared elected -

Prayer was offered by Rev W. H. Purice

The votes

Town Clerk

were then received for Town Clerk, whole number of votes Eighty eight, and were for James B. Brown one vote, for Alfred L. Converse four votes, and for Henry F. Brown Eighty three votes, and he was declared elected, and sworn by the moderator,

Voted

On motion of Samuel W. Brown to choose three Selectmen, one at a time.

Selectman

The votes were then received for a Selectman whole number of votes One Hundred and thirty one, and were for Phineas F. Spaulding Twenty eight votes, for James B. Brown One Hundred and three votes, and he was declared elected and sworn,

Selectman

The votes were received for another selectman whole number of votes One Hundred and thirty one. Dwight P. Allen had two votes, Phineas F. Spaulding had One Hundred and eleven votes and was declared elected.

Selectman

The votes were then received for a third Selectman, whole number of votes, One Hundred and fifty and were for George Dunham Sixty one votes, for Dwight P. Allen Eighty nine votes, and he was declared elected, and sworn

Over



Voted To choose three Assessors, one at a time

Assessor

The votes were then received for an Assessor, whole number of votes, Eighty, Oscar F. Brown had one vote, Sanford Booth had Seventy nine votes, and was declared Elected, and sworn -

Assessor

The votes were then received for another Assessor whole number of votes One Hundred and two, and were for Charles A. Hornes three votes, for Oscar F. Brown seven votes, for William H. Shuman twenty seven votes, for Edward H. Morgan Sixty five votes, and he was declared Elected and sworn

Assessor

The votes were then received for a third Assessor, whole number of votes One Hundred and Twenty two and were for William H. Shuman one vote - for Charles A. Hornes Forty two votes, for Oscar F. Brown, Seventy nine votes, and he was declared Elected and sworn -

Adjournment

At 12 o. clock 10 minutes voted to adjourn to meet at 1 o. clock P. M. and the meeting was so adjourned -

The meeting assembled as per adjournment. On motion of Samuel W. Brown

Voted

Library Director  
for 3. years

That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to nominate a Library Director for three years, and Samuel W. Brown, George Bacon and Alfred S. Converse were so appointed and they reported Henry F. Brower for that office and he was elected by a unanimous vote -

Town Treasurer,

The votes were then received for Town Treasurer whole number of votes One Hundred, and were as follows; for Francis E. Cook one vote, for Charles F. Spaulding, twenty four votes, for Alfred S. Converse, Seventy five votes, and he was declared Elected, and sworn -

School Committee  
for  
Three Years

The votes were then received for a School Committee for three years, whole number of votes Sixty five, and were as follows; for Charles Stone one vote, for Francis E. Cook two votes, for Charles M. Cooper Fourteen votes, for James Reed Brown Forty eight votes, and he was declared Elected -

Voted

To pass over the Second Article for the present - and act upon Article 5<sup>th</sup>

Appropriation  
for  
Highways

Samuel W. Brown moved to raise and appropriate Eleven Hundred dollars for the repair of highways and that the repairing of the highways be left with the Selectmen the same as last year.

Sumner Parker moved to amend by substituting Twelve for Eleven Hundred dollars the amendment was accepted by the mover, but rejected by the town.

Samuel W. Brown then renewed his original motion, and the same was adopted by the town.

Bridges  
Voted

On motion of Henry Newton to raise and appropriate One Hundred dollars for the support of Bridges,

Constable

Action on Article Second resumed and the votes received for a Constable, whole number of votes Fifty five and were for Lyman Webster and Charles F. Spaulding one vote each, for Francis E. Cook Forty three votes and he was declared Elected and sworn -

Constable

The votes were then received for another Constable whole number of votes, Forty two, and were for Francis E. Cook and Arthur B. Brown one vote each, for Edwin A. James Forty votes and he was declared Elected and sworn -

Voted

On motion of Samuel W. Brown to suspend further action on Art. 2<sup>d</sup> and act on Article 15 -



Use of  
Town Hall

Moved by Samuel W. Brown that the subject matter of the 15<sup>th</sup> Article be referred to Sumner Parker, Jarvis Shaw and Edward W. Potter to hear all parties interested, and report to the town at an adjourned meeting, such action as they think advisable to be taken - Not carried

Voted

On motion of Alfred L. Converse, that the town through their Selectmen rent this building with the same privileges as last year to the Second Church for \$125; Provided that the room designed for the Library is not to be included or so used when required for the Library - 96 voted for the motion, none voted against it

Voted

That the further rental or use of the Hall be left with the Selectmen -

Voted

Adjournment  
when to be

That when this meeting adjourns it be adjourned to meet on Monday next April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 o'clock A.M.

Collector

Action on the 2<sup>d</sup> Article was resumed and the votes were received for Collector whose number of votes thirty nine, Dwight P. Allen had one vote, Jonathan P. Webber had thirty eight votes, and he was declared Elected, sworn.

Voted

Pay of Collector

That the compensation of the Collector be the same as last year viz: Sixty dollars -

Voted

Fence Viewers

That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to nominate three Fence Viewers, and he appointed said committee who reported the names of John W. Brown, Arthur B. Brown, and Edwin A. Jones, for Fence Viewers and they were chosen by ballot and sworn -

Voted

To elect Five Measurers of Wood & Bark, and

Measurers of Wood and Bark— And George M. Hitchcock, David H. Jones, Herman S. Powers, Thomas J. Morgan and William H. Shaw were chosen.

Voted To choose Five, Field Drivers and W<sup>m</sup> H. Shaw, Frank W. Fenton, Luther Thomas, William S. Jarvis and Rodney H. Durham were chosen—

Pound Keeper Nathan M. Goodale was chosen Pound Keeper—

Sealer of Leather, John W. Browning was chosen Sealer of Leather—

Voted To act on Article 7<sup>th</sup> And to accept the list of jurors as reported by the Selectmen viz;

jurors James S. Blair, Elijah Allen, Charles A. Brown, Charles F. Spaulding, Edward S. Morgan, Norman S. Powers, John Shant, Byron W. Charles, James Durham, George M. Hitchcock, Wilbur G. Parker, Emory Livermore, Dwight P. Allen, James T. Brown

Voted Article 11<sup>th</sup> being under consideration it was That the same be dismissed from the Warrant—

Authority to Collector Under Article 12<sup>th</sup>, It was voted that the Collector be authorised to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector—

Wood Lot Under Article 17<sup>th</sup>, It was voted that the Selectmen be instructed to visit, and examine the Wood lots there named, and report at the adjourned Meeting—

Truant Laws Amended Under Article 20<sup>th</sup> It was voted to strike out of Article I of the Truant Laws (see Page 243) the words "with the assent of the Board of State Charities, to the State Primary School at Monson," and in their place insert, "to the Hampden County Truant School,"

Voted That the Town Clerk be authorised and directed to endeavor to secure the necessary approval of the Truant Laws as amended—



Voted To act on the Ninth Article

Motion Samuel W. Brown moved, that all taxes shall be due on the first of September next, and all taxes not paid on or before that date, the collector shall collect interest at the rate of six per cent per annum until the time of payment.  
Voted That the above motion be laid on the table

Voted To adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned to meet on Monday April 12, 1880 at 10 o'clock A.M.

Monday April 12, 1880

The meeting met agreeably to adjournment and called to order by Francis D. Lincoln, Moderator, who called Samuel W. Brown to the chair, when,

Preamble and Resolutions, on

Francis D. Lincoln offered the following Preamble and Resolves:

the death of James B. Brown

Whereas, since our meeting one week ago to-day, the town has lost one of its most prominent citizens, whom it at that time elected to the most responsible position that the town has to fill; therefore

Resolved That in the death of James Brown the town mourns the loss of one of its most faithful and careful town officers; the community an honest kind-hearted citizen; the neighborhood a genial sympathetic friend.

Resolved That the sympathy of the town be, and hereby is, tendered to his family in their irreparable loss.

The foregoing Preamble & Resolves were unanimously adopted by the town.

Voted On motion of F. D. Lincoln, that the above be entered upon the records, and furnish Mr. James B. Brown with a copy -

Voted

On motion of Francis J. Lincoln, that the Selectmen tender Henry F. Brown this order on the Town Treasurer for the sum of One Hundred dollars as a compensation in part for his labor on the town History -

Voted

That the committee on publication present Samuel W. Brown six copies of the History for his services -

Voted

That the vacancies in the board of Selectmen caused by the death of James B. Brown, and non-acceptance of the office by Phineas F. Spaulding be filled at 11. o. clock A. M. -

Voted

To act on article 17 in the warrant, and that the Selectmen be authorised to advertise and sell the wood <sup>lot</sup> there named at public auction -

Voted

That the Town Treasurer be authorised to give a deed of the same when sold -

Voted

To take from the table and act on the motion of S. W. Brown in relation to Collection of Taxes, and the same was rejected -

### Special Assignment

The votes were received for a Selectman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James B. Brown, whole number of votes Eighty five and were as follows: for Amos Munnoc one vote, for Samuel W. Brown Twenty five votes, for Henry Newton, Fifty nine votes, and he was declared Elected and sworn

The votes were then received to fill the vacancy caused by the non-acceptance of the office by Phineas F. Spaulding, whole number of votes Eighty six and were for W<sup>m</sup> H. Shaw Thirteen votes, for Samuel W. Brown Twenty eight votes, for Moses H. Baker Forty five vote, and Moses H. Baker was declared Elected, and sworn -



Oversers of Poor Voted - not to choose Oversers of Poor -

Voted To choose Four Surveyors of Lumber and W<sup>m</sup> H. Shaw, Henry A. Webber, Thomas J. Morgan and Rufus Fosket were chosen & sworn -

Voted That the Chairmen of the Selectmen, the Chairman of the Assessors and the Town Clerk be the Auditing Committee for the current year -

Voted That the Moderator appoint a committee of five to nominate candidates for Sexton, and Thomas J. Morgan, Nathan F. Robinson, Samuel W. Brown, Alfred E. Corvase and Edwin A. James were appointed for that committee -

This committee reported the names of George M. Hitchcock, Francis E. Cook, Nedham Moulton and W<sup>m</sup> H. Sherman as suitable persons for Sexton

The votes were then received for Sexton, whole number of votes Sixty eight, and was for W<sup>m</sup> H. Sherman Eight votes, for Nedham Moulton Twenty eight votes, for Francis E. Cook Thirty two votes, and he was declared elected -

Motion By Thomas J. Morgan to adjourn, not carried

Voted To act on Article 16<sup>th</sup>

And Joseph L. Woods moved that the Library Directors be authorised and directed to issue cards to the public School Teachers, entitling them to draw suitable books from the Public Library for the use of their pupils under such regulations as the Directors may think necessary, not carried

Voted To pass over Art 21<sup>st</sup> without action

Voted To act on Art 10<sup>th</sup>

And that the Dog Fund be appropriated for the Public Library

Voted That the Collector of Taxes have the same duties and that he be subject to the same conditions and restrictions as the Collector for last year, see page 282

Voted That the Treasurer be authorised to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year -

Voted To pass over Article 14<sup>th</sup> without action -

Voted To act on Article 18<sup>th</sup>

And that the Selectmen be authorised to take such action in relation to building Water closets at the Town House as they judge expedient -

Voted To raise Fifty Thousand dollars for the support of Schools, that Forty Thousand dollars of this amount be appropriated for the wages and board of Teachers, for Fuel and the care of School-Houses,

And that the balance be appropriated for the conveyance of scholars and other proper and legitimate expenses of schools -

Voted To raise and appropriate the following sums for the purposes named -

For Snow Plows One Hundred dollars. \$ 100.

For Repair of School-houses. Fifty dollars. 50

For support of Pauper, One Thousand dollars 1000

For Officers Salaries, Five Hundred dollars 500

For Miscellaneous Expenses, Six Hundred dollars 600

For Unusual Expenses, Two Hundred dollars 200

For Town Debt & Interest, One Thousand dollars 1000

For Discount on Taxes, Three Hundred dollars 300

Add appropriations for Highway 1100

" " " Bridges 100

" " " Schools 1500

Total Appropriations \$ 6450.



Voted That the Cemetery Committee be authorized to expend the sum of Fifty dollars for the purpose of keeping the Cemetery in good condition

Voted That the meeting be dissolved and it was so done

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown  
P Town Clerk

### Town Officers for 1880

who accepted the office to which they were elected, and where a oath of office is required were duly sworn

Town Clerk

Henry F. Brown

Collector

James H. P. Webber

Measurers of Wood & Bark

David W. James

Thomas J. Morgan

Selectmen

School Committee for 3 years

Cheney Newton

James Read Brown

Moses H. Baker

Dwight P. Allen

Constables

Francis E. Cook

Edwin A. James

Surveyors of Lumber

William Henry Shaw

Henry A. Webber

Thomas J. Morgan

Rufus Fosket

Assessors

Sanford Booth

Edward H. Morgan

Oscar F. Brown

Fire Wives

John W. Browning

Arthur B. Brown

Edwin A. James

Auditing Committee

Cheney Newton

Sanford Booth

Henry F. Brown

Treasurer

Alfred L. Converse

Sexton, Francis E. Cook

Library Director for 3 years

Henry F. Brown

Found Keeper

Arthur H. Sanborn

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown

P Town Clerk





Warrant for Election November 2, 1880  
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 To Francis E. Cook Constable of the town of  
 Brimfield, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth  
 of Massachusetts you are required to notify and  
 warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield  
 qualified to vote in Elections to meet in the Town  
 Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday the second day of  
 November next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to  
 bring in their votes to the Selectmen, for Thirteen  
 Presidential Electors, One Representative in Congress  
 for the Eleventh Congressional District, for Governor,  
 Lieutenant-Governor, Councillor for Councillor District  
 N<sup>o</sup> Eight, Secretary of the Commonwealth,  
 Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of the  
 Commonwealth, Attorney General, Senator  
 for First Hampden District, One County Commissioner  
 for Hampden County, Two Special Commissioners  
 for Hampden County, One Sheriff for Hampden  
 County, Three Commissioners of Insolvency, One  
 District Attorney for the Western District, and  
 One Representative for first Representative in Hampden  
 County in Hampden County to represent them  
 in the next General Court. All on one  
 Ballot

Polls open at 10. o'clock A.M. and  
 close at two o'clock P.M.

And you are directed to  
 serve this warrant by posting attested copies of  
 the same, one at the Town Hall, one at  
 the center Post Office, and by mailing one  
 each to the East and West Brimfield  
 Post Offices, and by mailing or otherwise  
 sending one to Foxlets Mills, seven days at  
 least before the time of holding said meeting -  
 Hence fail  
 not and make due return of this warrant  
 with your doings thereon to the Selectmen

at the time and place of meeting  
Given under our hands this  
fifteenth day of October in the year One Thousand Eight  
Hundred and eighty -

Cheney Newton } Selectmen  
Mr. H. Baker } of  
D. P. Allen } Brimfield  
Mansfield Jr

Brimfield November 2, 1880  
I have served this within Warrant as herein  
directed -  
Francis E. Cook  
Constable of Brimfield

Election November 2<sup>d</sup> 1880

In response to the foregoing warrant the voters  
of Brimfield assembled at the Town Hall  
and were called to order by Cheney Newton  
chairman of Selectmen, after reading the  
warrant. The polls at 10 o. clock and 5 minutes A.M.  
were opened for the reception of votes, and were  
kept open until 2 o. clock and 30 minutes P.M.  
when in accordance with a vote of the town, the  
polls were closed - And the votes were sorted,  
counted, and declaration thereof made in open meeting  
and were as follows:

For Electors  
at Large John M. Forbes of Milton, had One Hundred & Thirty seven votes  
Paul A. Chadbourne of Wilburton had One Hundred & Thirty seven votes  
Josiah S. Abbot of Boston had Sixty three votes  
Jonas M. French of Gloucester had Sixty three votes

For Electors, for Marshall S. Lindwood of Dixie, had One Hundred & Thirty seven votes  
District N<sup>o</sup> 1 Philander Cobb of Kingston had Sixty three votes

For District N<sup>o</sup> 2 William C. Lovering of Taunton, had One Hundred & Thirty seven votes -  
Peter Butler of Quincy had Sixty three votes -

For District N<sup>o</sup> 3 Moody Merrill of Boston, had One Hundred & Thirty seven votes.  
Edwin B. Nankin of Boston, had Sixty three votes.



For Elector for Rufus S. Frost of Chelsea had One Hundred & Thirty seven votes  
 District N<sup>o</sup> 4 Charles Levi Woodbury of Boston had Sixty one votes  
 Charles A. Prime of Boston had Two votes

For District N<sup>o</sup> 5 Amos Breed of Lynn had One Hundred & Thirty seven votes  
 Christopher E. Rymer of Somerville had Sixty one votes  
 Charles E. Rymer of Somerville had two votes

For District N<sup>o</sup> 6 Augustus H. Clark of Beverly had One Hundred & Thirty seven  
 James M. Carlton of Maverhill had Sixty three votes

For District N<sup>o</sup> 7 Francis Jewett of Lowell had One Hundred & Thirty seven votes  
 John C. Sanborn of Lawrence had Sixty three votes

For District N<sup>o</sup> 8 James M. W. Hall of Cambridge had One Hundred & Thirty seven <sup>votes</sup>  
 Leverett Saltonstall of Newton had Sixty three votes

For District N<sup>o</sup> 9 Charles E. Whitin of Northbridge had One Hundred & Thirty seven <sup>votes</sup>  
 Edwin Conant of Worcester had Sixty three votes,

For District N<sup>o</sup> 10 W. B. C. Pearson of Holyoke had One Hundred & Thirty seven votes  
 Naham Harwood of Leominster had Sixty three votes

For District N<sup>o</sup> 11 William C. Planchett of Adams had One Hundred & Thirty seven votes  
 Samuel W. Bowersman of Pittsfield had Sixty three votes

For Governor John D. Long of Hingham had One Hundred Thirty seven votes  
 Charles E. Thompson of Gloucester had Sixty three votes -

For Lieut. Governor Byron Weston of Dalton, had One Hundred & Thirty seven votes  
 Alpha E. Thompson of Woburn had Sixty three votes

For Secretary of the Henry B. Pierce of Abington, had One Hundred & Thirty eight votes  
 Commonwealth Michael T. Donohue of Somerville. Sixty two votes

For Treasurer and Daniel A. Gleason of Medford had One Hundred and  
 Receiver General Thirty eight votes  
 Francis J. Parker of Newton had Sixty three votes,

- For Auditor Charles B. Ladd of Springfield had One Hundred & thirty eight votes -  
Charles B. Field of Greenfield had Sixty two votes
- For Attorney General George Munston of New Bedford had One Hundred & thirty eight votes -  
Patrick A. Collins of Boston had Sixty three votes
- For Councilman Rufus J. Woods of Enfield had One Hundred & thirty seven votes -  
District No 8 Oscar Edwards of Northampton had Sixty three votes -
- For Member of Congress George D. Robinson of Chicopee had One Hundred & thirty nine votes -  
District No 11 Albert C. Woodworth of Chicopee had Sixty one votes
- For District Attorney Andrew J. Waterman of Pittsfield had One Hundred and thirty seven votes -  
Western District Herbert C. Joggins of Great Barrington had Sixty three votes
- For County Commissioner Henry A. Chase of Holyoke had One Hundred & thirty seven votes -  
Lewis P. Bosworth of Holyoke had Sixty three votes
- For Special Commissioner Ira B. Potter of Wilbraham had One Hundred & thirty seven votes -  
Samuel A. Bartholomew of Blauvelt had One Hundred & thirty seven votes -  
Abel M. Galtier of Longmeadow had Sixty three votes -  
Roland Parks of Russell had Sixty one votes -  
Roland B. Parks of Russell had Two votes
- For Commissioners of Insolvency William B. Rogers of Springfield had One Hundred & thirty seven votes -  
James M. Dunbar of Westfield had One Hundred & thirty seven votes -  
Charles S. Gardner of Palmer had One Hundred & thirty seven votes -  
Frank E. Carpenter of Springfield had Sixty three votes -  
Cornelius J. Driscoll of Chicopee had Sixty three votes -  
Henry W. Ely of Westfield had Sixty three votes
- For Senator Marcus T. Moulton of Springfield, One Hundred & thirty seven votes -  
First Hampshire Dist- Willis Phelps of Springfield had Sixty three votes
- For Sheriff Miram D. Sanderson of Springfield had One Hundred and forty one votes -  
Justice J. Parks of Springfield had Sixty three votes -



For Representative to Solomon F. Cushman of Monson had One Hundred and thirty three votes

Daniel S. Green of Monson had sixty six votes

After the declaration of the vote aforesaid, the making out and sealing up the returns of the same, also of the votes cast and the voting list used this day. On motion made by Jonathan P. Wilbur to dissolve the meeting and carried the meeting was dissolved

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Town Clerk of Representative District number One in Hampden County Massachusetts, held at the Selectmen's Room in Brimfield on Wednesday the third day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and eighty at NOON for the purpose of examining the returns of votes cast in the several towns in said District for Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts -

The whole number of votes returned was nine Hundred and sixty -

And were

for the following persons viz;

For Solomon F. Cushman of Monson Six Hundred and forty three votes

For Daniel S. Green of Monson ~~Three Hundred~~ and seventeen votes.

Solomon F. Cushman of Monson having a Plurality of the votes cast was declared elected -

Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk of Brimfield

G. P. Royce " " " " Water

F. E. Keimig " " Holland

A. A. Gaye " " Monson

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk

## Vote of the several Towns

For Solomon F. Bushman For Daniel B. Burr

Brimfield	133	66
Wales	126	45
Holland	43	13
Monson	341	193
	<u>643</u>	<u>317</u>

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown  
P Town ClerkBrimfield December 5<sup>th</sup> 1880

This certifies that I  
have destroyed the ballots cast at the  
Election Nov 2, 1880 in accordance  
with the provisions of Statute 1876 Chap 188

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

Warrant for Annual Meeting, April 4, 1881  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co

To Francis E. Cook Constable of  
the town of Brimfield Greeting—

In the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are  
hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants  
of the town of Brimfield to vote in town affairs  
and in Election to meet at the Town Hall in  
said Brimfield on Monday the fourth day  
of April next at ten o. Clock in the forenoon  
then and there to act on the following articles  
viz:

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Second To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing  
year, and all committees and Agents that the  
business of the town may require—



Third

To hear reports of the Selectmen and School Committee and agents heretofore chosen by the town and act thereon -

Fourth

To raise money for the support of Highways, town ways and Bridges and direct how the same shall be expended -

Fifth

To raise money for the support of Schools for the ensuing year, and direct how the same shall be expended -

Sixth

To raise money for the payment of Town debts and to defray expenses for the current year or act thereon,

Seventh

To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of town debts and current expenses -

Eighth

To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen for revising the list of jurors

Ninth

To see if the town will allow a discount on Taxes if paid within certain periods -

Tenth

To see what disposition the town will make of their Dog Fund -

Eleventh

To see what sum of money (if any) the town will appropriate for Decoration day -

Twelfth

To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector -

Thirteenth

To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of their town officers and Agents or any part of the same -

Fourteenth

To see if the town will adopt a new code of Town laws, or amend those previously adopted by the town

Fifteenth

To see if the town will build a vault at the Town House for the safe keeping of the town Records and papers, or act thereon -

- Sixteenth To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to make arrangements with the landholders on the Mill Lane and the road to Wales to so change the fences on the sides of said roads as to prevent their being blocked with snow —
- Seventeenth To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to procure a suitable monument to be placed at the grave of William S. Stone —
- Eighteenth To bring in their ballots upon the question shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?
- Nineteenth To see whether the town will by its vote or otherwise ask the Legislature to extend to Women who are citizens the right to hold town offices and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens —
- Twentieth To see if the town will cause the roof of their Town House to be painted or act thereon —
- Twenty First To see what action the town will take in regard to claims of Albert S. Prouty and Charles E. Townsend for damages on account of alleged defects in the highways —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall at the center Post Office and by mailing one to the East and one to the West Brimfield Post Offices, and by mailing or otherwise sending one to Fosketts Mills in said Brimfield in said Brimfield seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting —

Remedy fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting —

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of March in the year One Thousand Eight hundred and eighty one

Chas Newton } Selectmen of  
 Wm. H. Baker } Brimfield



Annual Meeting Monday, April 4, 1881

In response to the foregoing warrant the voters of  
Brimfield met at the Town Hall on Monday April  
4<sup>th</sup> 1881, and were called to order by the Town Clerk  
Henry F. Brown, at the time specified in the warrant.

Moderator

The votes were then  
received for a Moderator, whole number of votes Fifty  
all for Francis D. Lincoln, who accepted the office —

Prayer was offered  
by Rev W. H. Peice.

The votes were then received for Town  
Town Clerk Clerk, whole number of votes Seventy four, Henry F. Brown  
receiving that number was declared Elected, and  
accepting the office, was sworn by the Moderator —

Voted To choose Three Selectmen for the year ensuing —

Selectman The votes were then received for a Selectman  
whole number of votes Sixty six and were for  
Dwight P. Allen four votes, for Henry Newton Sixty  
two votes, and he was declared Elected and sworn —

Selectman The votes were then received for a second Selectman,  
whole number of votes, Ninety two, and were for  
Dwight P. Allen four votes, for Moses B. Baker,  
thirty eight votes, for Samuel W. Brown Fifty one  
votes, and he was declared elected, and sworn —

Selectman The votes were then received for third Selectman  
whole number of votes, One Hundred and two,  
and were for Edward W. Potter and Dwight P. Allen,  
one vote each, for Moses B. Baker Forty four votes,  
for Edward Blin Fifty six votes and he was  
declared elected, and sworn —

Voted To choose Three Assessors, one at a time —

Assessor The votes were then received for one Assessor,

Assessor Whole number of votes Seventy eight, and Moses H. Baker had one vote, Sanford Booth had Seventy-seven votes, and was declared Elected, and sworn

Assessor The votes were then received for a second Assessor, whole number of votes Fifty six, W<sup>m</sup> H. Shuman, received one vote, Edward H. Morgan received Fifty five votes and was declared Elected, and sworn

Assessor— The whole number of votes for Third Assessor was Eighty three, Moses H. Baker had one vote, Daniel Haynes had three votes, Charles A. Monner had Seventy nine votes, and he was declared elected, and sworn—

Treasurer Whole number of votes for Treasurer Seventy six Francis D. Lincoln had one vote, Henry F. Brown had Seventy five votes, and was declared elected and sworn

School Committee The votes were then received for School Committee for Three <sup>for</sup> Years Three years, whole number of votes Seventy seven, Oscar F. Brown had one vote, Thomas J. Morgan had Seventy six votes, and was declared elected—

Voted Unanimously voted to extend the thanks of the town to Alfred L. Converse, for the ability and faithfulness he has discharged the duties of Town Treasurer <sup>up</sup> for the past Thirty three years—

Voted To choose two Constables, one at a ballot—

Constable The votes were received for a Constable, whole number of votes, Forty one, Thomas J. Morgan had one vote, Francis C. Cook had Forty and was declared elected, and sworn

Constable The whole number of votes for second Constable was Thirty seven, J. P. Wilber had one vote, J. P. Allen had 10, Henry A. Webber had Twenty six votes and was declared elected and sworn—



Collector

The votes were then received for Collector of Taxes whole number of votes Forty six, Jonathan P. Welber had that number and was declared elected and sworn -

Adjournment

Moved by Thomas J. Morgan at 12. o. clock and 14 minutes noon to adjourn for one hour and it was so voted, and adjourned

Met as per adjournment

Voted

To choose three Fence viewers on one Ballot

Fence viewers

Whole number of Ballots for Fence viewers eight and were for Edwin A. Jones, seven votes, for Arthur B. Brown six votes, for John W. Brown six votes and they were declared elected, but all declined to serve, and were excused by the town

Voted

That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to nominate a Board of Fence viewers who reported the names of Thomas J. Morgan, Dwight P. Allen and Moses H. Baker for the office

Fence viewers

The votes were then received for Fence viewers whole number of Ballots nine, and the votes were for Thomas J. Morgan nine votes, for Dwight P. Allen nine votes, for Moses H. Baker nine votes and they were declared elected and sworn -

Female Suffrage

Article Nineteen being under consideration Samuel W. Brown, Moved, That the town ask the Legislature to confer the right to vote upon Women - as specified in said Article, and the vote upon the motion was Yeas Fifteen, Nays Forty seven -

Voted

Under Article, Sixteen, That the Sexton be authorized to procure a suitable Tablet or headstone to be placed at the grave of William G. Stone,

*Voted* Under Article Sixteen, That the Selectmen be authorized to make an arrangement with Land owners as specified in said Article —

*Voted* Under Article Fifteen, That a committee of Three be appointed to prepare plans, and an estimate of the expense of a vault or other means for the safe keeping of the Town Records and papers and report at a future meeting, and Henry P. Brown, Samuel W. Brown, were appointed as said committee.

*Voted* Under Article Eight, To accept the list of jurors as revised and presented by the Selectmen —

*Voted* To choose Three Measurers of Wood and Bark and David W. James, Norman S. Pouns and John F. Converse were chosen and sworn

*Voted* To choose Five Surveyors of Lumber and William M. Shaw, Henry A. Webber, Thomas J. Morgan and David W. James were chosen & sworn, Rufus Fosket was also chosen

*Voted* To choose Two Field Drivers and Joseph L. Woods and Frank M. Tobey were chosen & sworn —

Sealer of Leather John W. Browning was chosen Sealer of Leather and Sworn —

Pound Keeper, Edward Bliss was chosen Pound Keeper

Library Director *Voted*. That a committee of Three be appointed to nominate a Library Director, and the committee appointed reported the name of Samuel W. Brown and he was chosen for years

*Voted* That the Chairmen of Board of Selectmen and of the Assessors and the Town Clerk be the Auditing Committee



Voted Under Article 20, That the Selectmen take such measures to repair the roof of the Town House as they find to be necessary -

Townsend And  
Prouty - cases Voted Under Article 21<sup>st</sup>. Voted that the matters specified in the article be left with the Selectmen to take such action in the matters as they think best for the interest of the town

Compensation and  
Conditions for  
Collecting Taxes Voted. That the compensation of the collector of Taxes be sixty dollars, subject to the following conditions and restrictions: he shall give bond to the town for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, he shall collect and pay over to the Treasurer of the town on or before the first day of September next, all the Poll taxes, (unless for good and sufficient reasons the Assessors allow him further time on the same) and one half the tax on real and personal estate, and shall during the first week of every month pay to the Town Treasurer all moneys which he shall have collected, except so much as he shall collect for the County Tax, which shall be paid to the County Treasurer at the time specified in his Warrant; he shall make a discount of six per cent. to all those who pay their taxes in full on or the first day of September next, and a discount of four per cent. to those who pay their taxes in full after the first day of September next, and on or before the first day of January 1882, and upon all taxes which shall remain <sup>unpaid</sup> at the last date he shall charge and collect interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum until the same are paid, and shall make a final settlement with the Town Treasurer on or before the first Wednesday after the first Monday in March 1882; and whenever he has collected and paid over to the Town Treasurer seven eighths of the amount committed to him to collect, he shall be entitled to receive two thirds of his compensation, and the balance when he completes his collections as aforesaid -

Voted That when this meeting adjourn, it be adjourned to meet on Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> 1881 at one o'clock P. M. -



# Tenant Law

## Art I

Article Fourteen being under consideration it was voted to adopt the following viz:

Any minor child residing in the town of Springfield between the ages of seven and fifteen years of age, who shall be guilty of being an habitual truant or of wandering about in the streets or public places of the town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance; shall upon conviction thereof, be punished by fine not exceeding twenty dollars, or instead thereof may be committed to the Hampshire County Truant-School at Springfield Mass, for such time, not exceeding two years as the Justice, or Court having jurisdiction thereof may determine -

## Art II

The Hampshire County Truant School at Springfield, Massachusetts is hereby assigned as an institution for instruction, house of reformation and suitable place for the confinement, discipline and instruction of such children -

## Art III

It shall be the duty of every Truant Officer before making any complaint for offences under these by laws, to notify the offending child, and his parents, or guardian of the offence committed and of the penalty therefor; and if the Truant Officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child, he may, in his discretion forbear to prosecute so long as such pledges are faithfully observed and kept -

## Art IV

These by laws shall take effect on their approval as required by law -

Hampshire Co  
January 13<sup>th</sup> 1882

Voted

To adopt the above as the Truant Laws of the  
the foregoing by laws town of Springfield and when approved by the  
are hereby approved proper tribunal, all former Truant laws of this town  
Wm. S. Shurtleff are hereby repealed and become null and void  
Judge of Probate  
for said County  
Recorded from the original by  
Henry J. Brown, Town Clerk



Voted To act on the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Articles

Voted To raise and assess upon the Solls and Estates of the town of Brimfield, for the current year, the sum of Six Thousand dollars, and that the same be appropriated as follows;

Appropriations	Fourteen Hundred dollars for the wages and board of Teachers, for fuel and care of School houses	1400. 00
	One Hundred dollars for conveyance of pupils and other proper and legitimate expenses of school	100 00
	Eleven Hundred dollars for Repair of highways	1100 00
	One Hundred & fifty dollars for support of Bridges	150 00
	One Hundred & fifty dollars for Snow Paths	150 00
	One Hundred dollars for Repair of School-houses	100 00
	One Thousand dollars, for support of Paupers	1000 00
	Five Hundred dollars, for Salaries of Officers	500 00
	Five Hundred dollars, for Miscellaneous Purposes	500 00
	Two Hundred dollars for Unusual expenses	200 00
	Five Hundred dollars for Town Debt & Interest	500 00
	Three Hundred dollars for Discount on Taxes	300 00
	Total	\$ 6000. 00

Voted That the repairing of Highways and Support of Bridges, be left with the Selectmen the same as last year

The meeting was then by vote adjourned  
Monday April 11, 1881

Met as per adjournment

Voted That the Treasurer be authorised to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes for the current year

Voted That the Dog Fund be appropriated for the purchase of Books for the Public Library

Voted That the Selectmen be authorised to expend Fifty dollars for Decoration Day

Voted That the Report of the Auditors be accepted, and that their report for the current year be printed, to include the same matter as last year report, also the Warrant for the annual meeting

Voted That the School Committee be requested to print their Report with the other Town Reports -

Voted That the Financial year of the town close on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in March of each year -

Voted That Henry L. Brown and Thomas J. Morgan be added to the Selectmen as the Committee on the Townsend and Prouty cases -

Voted That on the claim Henry P. Holder has presented against the town for articles furnished Mrs Colgrove, the Selectmen be instructed to tender Mr Holder the amount due for Flour and interest on same, and if suit is commenced by Mr Holder defend the same

Voted That the Collector be authorized to use the means for collecting Taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector -

Voted That the care of the Common be left with the Selectmen

The Report of the Director of the Public Library  
was submitted, read and accepted - as follows  
Report -

The Directors of the Public Library, report - That the whole number of volumes in the Library is 1373 of these 123 were added the past year, By purchase 95 volumes, By exchange for Town Histories 12 bds, By gift 16 bds, Of this number about 400 bds are U.S and State Reports, and Public Documents. The income for the purchase of Books for the Library has been, from the Dog Fund \$79, From Subscriptions \$36, From the Town as per vote \$36, Total = \$151.00, There has been expended for Books \$116, Express 50 cts Insurance <sup>1880</sup> \$10.00 Total \$126.60 The Library was removed Jan'y 1, 1881 to room in the Town House, which has been fitted up for that purpose at a very moderate expense, and is now insured for the term of Five years for \$1500, C. W. Howwood resigned the office of Director last Fall and Samuel W. Brown was elected to fill the vacancy

By order of the Board of Directors  
S. W. Brown  
Secretary



The 18<sup>th</sup> Article being under consideration, upon the question? Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? the following was the result of the vote

For License. Twenty five votes 25  
No License Sixty seven votes 67

Recorded by  
Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

### Town Officers for 1881

Who accepted the offices to which they were elected and where an oath of office is required were duly sworn.

Town Clerk	Collector	School Committee for 3 years
Henry F. Brown	Jonathan P. Webber	Thomas J. Morgan

Selectmen	Constables	Library Director for 3 years
Henry Newton	Francis E. Cook	Samuel W. Brown
Samuel W. Brown	Henry A. Webber	
Edward Bliss		

Assessors	Fence Viewers	Surveyors of Lumber
Sanford Booth	Thomas J. Morgan	William H. Shaw
Edward H. Morgan	Dwight P. Allen	Henry A. Webber
Charles A. Horner	Nancy H. Baker	Thomas J. Morgan
		David W. James

Treasurer	Dealer of Leather	Pound Keeper
Henry F. Brown	John W. Browning	Edward Bliss

Measurers of Wood and Bark	Field Drivers	Auditors
David W. James	Joseph L. Woods	Henry Newton, Henry A. Webber
	Frank H. Tobey	Sanford Booth, " Assessors
		Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk

Warrant for Election November 8<sup>th</sup> - 1881

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss

To Francis E. Cook, Constable of the town of  
Brimfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday the eighth day of November next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to bring in their Ballots for a Governor, a Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney General, Councilor for Councilor District N<sup>o</sup> Eight, One County Commissioner for Hampden County, a Senator for First Senatorial District in Hampden County, Clerk of the Courts for Hampden County, and one Representative for First Representative District in Hampden County to represent them in the next General Court of the Commonwealth, All on one Ballot -

Also at the same time to bring in their Ballots, Yes, or No, for an amendment to the Constitution -

The Selectmen set the time for closing the Polls at three o'clock P. M. -

And you are directed to serve this by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and at the Center Post Office, and by mailing one to the East and West Brimfield Post Offices, and by mailing or otherwise one to Foshets Mills seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting -

Be careful not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of October in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and eighty one

Hampden ss

Brimfield Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1881. I have served the within warrant as therein directed

Francis E. Cook

Constable of Brimfield

Chas. Newton, Selectman

Samuel W. Brown of

Edward Bliss of Brimfield

Recorded by

Mary Thorne, Town Clerk



Election November 8<sup>th</sup> 1881

The voters met at the Town House on Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> 1881 in obedience to the foregoing warrant, and were called to order by Henry Newton, chairman of the Selectmen at the reading of the warrant at 10 o'clock and 15 minutes A.M. for the reception of votes, until three o'clock P.M. when they were closed, and the votes were sorted counted and declared in open meeting and were as follows viz;

## For Governor

John D. Long of Hingham had Eighty five votes,  
Charles P. Thompson of Gloucester had Thirty three votes  
Charles Army of New Bedford had four votes

## For Lieut Governor

Byron Weston of Dalton had Eighty six votes  
James M. Bartlett of Haverhill had Thirty two votes  
John Blackmer of Springfield had four votes

## For Secretary

Henry B. Pierce of Abington had eighty five votes  
Michael T. Donohoe of Somerville had Thirty two votes  
Solomon F. Root of Douglas had four votes  
Henry F. Brown of Brimfield had one vote

## For Treasurer

Daniel A. Gleason of Medford had eighty five votes  
William A. Hodges of Quincy had Thirty two votes,

and  
Receiver General

Thomas J. Lothrop of Taunton had four votes  
Jonas P. Webber, of Brimfield had one vote

## For Auditor

Charles M. Ladd of Springfield had Eighty six votes  
Charles M. Field of Greenfield had Thirty one votes  
Jonathan Bush of Warwick had four votes  
John F. Converse of Brimfield had one vote

## For Attorney General

George Marston of New Bedford had Eighty five votes  
Patrick A. Collins of Boston, had Thirty two votes  
Samuel M. Fairfield of Malden had four votes  
Samuel W. Brown of Brimfield had one vote

For Councillor for  
District N<sup>o</sup> 8

Reuben D. Woods of Enfield had Eighty six votes  
George T. Plunkett of Hinsdale had Thirty one votes  
David B. Phelps of Southampton had four votes  
Oscar Edwards of Southampton one vote

For County  
Commissioner

Lewis F. Root of Westfield had Eighty five votes  
Isaac H. Plundy of Westfield had Thirty two votes  
Edmund Pratt of Longmeadow had four votes  
Newton S. Hubbard of Brimfield had one vote

For Clerk of Courts

Robert U. Morris of Springfield had One hundred & seventeen votes

For Senator for the  
First Hampshire District

William B. Baile of Springfield had Eighty seven votes  
Sardus Green of Monson had Thirty one votes  
Horace M. Sessions of Wilbraham had four votes

For Representative  
District N<sup>o</sup> one

William L. Webber of Holland had Eighty one votes  
George M. Weston of Monson had Thirty one votes  
Moses M. Baker of Brimfield had one vote

Amendment to the  
Constitution

Whole number of votes on Amendment of the  
Constitution Seventy seven  
For the Amendment Fifty one year  
Against the Amendment Twenty six days

This certifies that I have destroyed the  
 ballots cast at the Election Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1881  
 in accordance with the provisions of  
 Statute 1876 Chapter 1887  
 J. F. Brown  
 Town Clerk

After the declaration of the votes aforesaid, the  
 making out and sealing the returns of the  
 same, also sealing up the votes cast, and the  
 voting list used this day, on motion made  
 and adopted to dissolve the meeting it was  
 dissolved

Recorded by  
 Henry F. Brown  
 Town Clerk





# Warrant for Annual Meeting, April 3. 1842

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

To either of the Constables of the town of  
Brimfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the third day of April next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting -
- Second To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year. Also all committees and agents that the business of the town may require -
- Third To hear reports of Officers and Agents heretofore chosen by the town and act thereon -
- Fourth To raise money for the support of Schools for the ensuing year
- Fifth To raise money for the support of Highways, town ways, and Bridges, and direct how the same shall be expended -
- Sixth To raise money for the payment of town debts and to defray expenses for the current year -
- Seventh To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen for revising the list of jurors -
- Eighth To see if the town will authorise the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the current year, Also to borrow money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans or any part thereof -
- Ninth To see if the town will allow a discount on



taxes if paid within certain periods, or act thereon

- Tenth To see what disposition the town will make of their Dog Fund, or act thereon -
- Eleventh To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector -
- Twelfth To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of their town officers and agents or any parts of the same -
- Thirteenth To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chap 158 of the Acts of 1871 in relation to Road Commissioners, and if so, bring in their votes for three Road Commissioners -
- Fourteenth To bring in their votes, (Yes or No) upon the question Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating in this town -
- Fifteenth To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to deed a certain piece of land, East of the road near the South Brim school house, to William H. Hitchcock, or act thereon -
- Sixteenth To see whether the town will, by its vote, or otherwise, Ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens the right to hold town affairs and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens -

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, also one at the center Post Office, and by mailing one each to the East and West Brimfield Post Offices, and by mailing or otherwise sending one to Foshett Mills in said Brimfield seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting -

Renov

fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk

of said Brimfield at the time and place of said meeting -  
 Given under our hands  
 this eleventh day of March in the year One Thousand  
 Eight Hundred and eighty two

Chas Newton } Selectman  
 Samuel W. Brown }  
 Edw Bliss } of  
 Brimfield

Hampton

Brimfield April 3. 1882. I have served  
 the within warrant as therein directed

F. C. Cook, Constable of Brimfield

A true copy of the  
 Warrant and Constables return

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
 Town Clerk

Annual Meeting April 3. 1882

The voters of Brimfield assembled at the Town  
 Hall in response to the foregoing warrant  
 and were called to order by Henry F. Brown, Town  
 Clerk, at 10 o'clock and 10 minutes A.M. after the  
 reading of the warrant, the voters <sup>were</sup> received for a  
 Moderator, whole number of votes Thirty three,  
 Francis D. Lincoln had Thirty three votes and  
 was unanimously elected - and accepted the  
 office -

Prayer was offered by Rev W. H. Pierce -

The votes were then received for Town Clerk,  
 whole number of votes, Sixty one, Henry F. Brown  
 had Sixty one votes, and was declared elected, and  
 was sworn by the Moderator -

Voted To choose Three Selectmen, one at a ballot -

Selectmen The votes were then received for a Selectman, whole  
 number of votes thirty three, and were for



Darius Shaw, one vote, for James S. Blair  
 Forty four votes, for Sanford Booth Forty eight  
 votes, and Sanford Booth was declared elected  
 and sworn -

Selectman

The votes were then received for another Selectman  
 whole number of votes One hundred and six  
 and were for Sanford Booth one vote, for James  
 S. Blair Thirty four votes, for Samuel W. Brown  
 Thirty four votes, for Moses M. Baker Thirty seven  
 votes, and Moses M. Baker, was declared elected  
 and sworn

Selectman

The votes were then received for a third Selectman  
 whole number of votes Ninety four, and were for  
 Samuel W. Brown one vote, for Edward Bliss  
 Seven votes, for James S. Blair ten votes, Oscar  
 F. Brown had seventy six votes and was  
 declared elected and sworn

Voted

To choose three Assessors, one at a time

Assessor

The votes were then received for an Assessor,  
 whole number of votes Seventy six all for  
 Edward M. Morgan, and he was declared  
 elected and sworn

Assessor

The votes were then received for another Assessor  
 whole number of votes Seventy six, George M.  
 Hitchcock had one vote, Samuel W. Brown  
 had Seventy five votes, and was declared elected,  
 and sworn

Assessor

The votes were then received for a third Assessor,  
 whole number of votes, Sixty nine - and were  
 for George Bacon and James S. Blair one vote  
 each; for Edward Bliss two votes, for Oras E.  
 Parker, Fifty seven votes, and he was declared  
 elected and sworn

Treasurer

The votes were then received for Town Treasurer,  
 whole number of votes Sixty nine, and were for  
 Thomas L. Morgan and Joseph L. Woods one vote each, for  
 Henry F. Brown, sixty seven votes, and he was declared elected,  
 and sworn

School Committee. The votes were then received for a School Committee for three years, whole number of votes thirty eight, and were for Francis J. Lincoln, one vote, for Rev Samuel S. Mc Luffe four votes, for Joseph L. Woods Forty two votes, for Newton S. Hubbard Fifty one votes, and Newton S. Hubbard was declared Elected,

Voted To choose Two Constables - one at a ballot -

Constable The votes were then received for a Constable, whole number of votes Thirty six, and were for James S. Blair, Samuel W. Brown, and Joseph L. Woods one vote each, for Edward Bliss two votes, for Francis E. Cook thirty one votes, and he was declared elected and sworn -

Constable The vote were then received for a second Constable whole number of votes, thirty nine, and were for Frank Moon one vote, for Edward Bliss seven votes, for Needham Moulton thirty one votes, and he was declared elected, & sworn

At this time, 12, o. clock and 15 minute

Adjournment Noon it was voted to adjourn for one hour to meet at one, o. clock and 15 minute P. M. and the meeting was so adjourned -

The meeting assembled as

per adjournment

Voted That a committee of Three be appointed to nominate a Library Director for three years in place of Thomas J. Morgan whose term has expired -

Library Director The Moderator appointed as this committee S. W. Brown, George Bacon and John W. Browning, who reported the name of Thomas J. Morgan, and he was chosen as Library Director for Three years

Samuel W. Brown moved, and it was voted that a committee of Three be appointed to nominate Three Fence Viewers, Samuel W. Brown, Orus E. Parker and James H. Buxton, were appointed as said Committee, and they reported the names of Ching Newton, David W. Jones and Jonathan P. Webber for Fence Viewers, and they were chosen and

Fence Viewers



## List of Jurors

Article seven being under consideration it was voted to accept the list of jurors as revised and presented by the Selectmen, as follows;

Charles A. Brown. Edward Bliss Horace E. Jones  
Byron W. Charles John Shanley Norman S. Jones  
George M. Hitchcock James S. Blair John Shaw Jr  
Wilbur S. Parker James Dunham James Rogers

The Moderator reported to the town that he had been informed, that Mrs W<sup>m</sup> S. Ellwell of Springfield had expressed a desire or expectation of hearing from the town in relation to a portrait of Gen George Washington painted by her late husband, and which it is understood he in his life time, had designed for this, his native town

Voted

That a committee of Three be appointed to confer with Mrs Ellwell, with full authority to take such action in the premises, as they find to be appropriate - Henry F. Brown, Thomas J. Morgan and Oscar F. Brown were appointed such committee -

## Collector

The votes were then received for Collector, whole number of votes, Thirty. Jonathan P. Webber had Thirty votes, the whole number cast and was declared Elected, and sworn -

The following officers were elected by nomination from the meeting -

Voted

To choose three measurers of Wood and Bark and David W. Jones, Amos Munroe and Rufus Fosket were chosen.

Measurers of Wood &amp;c

Voted

To choose Four, Surveyors of Lumber and Darius Shaw, Thomas J. Morgan, David W. Jones and D. Winslow Fosket, was chosen

Surveyors of Lumber

Voted

To choose three Field Drivers and Daniel L. Briggs

- Field Drivers Francis Elliot, Cook and Henry A. Hyde were chosen —  
 Also Daniel L. Briggs
- Sealer of Leather John W. Browning was chosen sealer of Leather —
- Pound Keeper Needham Moulton, was chosen Pound Keeper —
- Voted That the Town Clerk, the chairman of the Selectmen and the chairman of the Assessors be the Auditing Committee —
- Overseers of Poor Samuel W. Brown moved that the town elect three Overseers of Poor. the motion was rejected —
- Voted To adopt the provisions of Chap. 158, Laws of 1871 in relation to Road Commissioners, Thirty nine voting in the Affirmative and none against it.
- Voted That a committee of five be appointed to nominate three Road Commissioners, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year — Thomas J. Morgan, Sumner Parker, Henry Newton, Amos Munroe and Moses M. Baker were appointed.
- Voted That the above committee report what, in their opinion, would be a suitable and proper compensation for the Road Commissioners —
- The committee reported the name of Moses M. Baker for Road Commissioner for 3 year, the name of John C. Spring as Road Commissioner for 2. years, and Orus E. Parker for one year —
- The votes were then received for Road Commissioner for Three years, whole number of votes <sup>36</sup> and were for Road Commissioner Byron W. Charles and Eliza C. Marsh one vote each, for Samuel W. Brown, Fifteen votes, and for Moses M. Baker, Thirty two votes and he was declared Elected, and sworn.
- The votes were then received for a Road Commissioner



Road

Commissioner

for two years. Whole number of <sup>votes</sup> Forty two, and were for Byron W. Charles and Daniel L. Briggs one vote each, for Samuel W. Brown Eighteen votes, for John C. Spring Twenty two votes, and he was declared elected and sworn -

Orus E. Parker declining to serve as Road Commissioner if elected, it <sup>was</sup> referred to the same committee to nominate another person in his place.

And the committee reported the name of Newton S. Hubbard.

And the votes were received for a Road Commissioner for one year whole number of votes, Thirty eight. Amos Munroe had one vote, Samuel W. Brown had nine votes, and Newton S. Hubbard had Twenty eight votes and was declared elected and sworn -

Road

Commissioner

Article 13<sup>th</sup> being under consideration it was That for such consideration, and upon such terms as the Selectmen consider satisfactory, and approve. The Town Treasurer may deed to William H. Hitchcock or any other person the piece of land named in the Article, 12-15.

Voted

Tanning Lot

Voted

Pay of Road

Commissioners

That the Road Commissioners be paid Two dollars (\$2.00) per day for their services. Twenty two voting in the Aff and Two in the Neg -

License

or

No. License

Under Article #4<sup>th</sup> The votes were received upon the question, Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this town? and the vote was

Yes. Seventeen (17)

No Fifty nine (59)

Voted

Printed Reports -

Under Article 12<sup>th</sup> That the Reports for the current year be printed to include the same as printed for past years. Henry A. Welton moved to add two, to the committee to nominate Road Commissioners - No vote

Collector  
Authorized Under Article 11<sup>th</sup> That the Collector have the authority to use the means for collecting taxes, which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Overseers of Poor Oscar F. Brown moved that two persons be elected to act with the Selectmen as Overseers of Poor - and it was voted that the motion be indefinitely postponed

Women Suffrage Article 16<sup>th</sup> being under consideration Samuel W. Brown moved that the town ask the Legislature to extend to women, who are citizens, the right to hold town office, and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens - The vote upon the motion was Twenty six in the Aff., and Twenty six in the Negative, and the motion was not carried -

Fire Proof Safe The Committee, appointed at the Annual meeting in April 1881, to prepare plans, of a vault or other means for the safe keeping of the Town Records, and papers, with an estimate of the expense, Submitted a written <sup>offer</sup> they had received from Herring & Co of New York City, to furnish the town with a Fire Proof Safe of the following inside dimensions box: 56 inches high, 44 inches wide, and 20 inches deep, with a wrought Iron private safe, and Combination Lock, and to be constructed in accordance with specifications set forth in said proposition, for \$375, or in exchange for our present Safe for \$300,

Voted That this committee and the Selectmen be a committee with authority to take such action in the premises and in relation to the safe <sup>keeping</sup> of the records and papers of the town as they find expedient to secure the desired result -  
Gen 17. May 7

Voted That the Overseers of Poor be requested to keep the record specified in Chap 27, Section 72 of the Public Statutes



Voted That the Overseers of Poor be requested and directed so far as practicable to keep, or cause to be kept, a full and detailed account of the products of the Poor Farm and Dairy, and the disposition made of the same —

Voted That the Cemetery Committee be directed to cause the grass on the Cemetery to be mowed on or before the first day of July next, and to be cut a second time on or before the first of September next —

Moved By Oscar F. Brown That two persons be chosen to act with the Selectmen as Overseers of Poor

Voted That the above motion be indefinitely postponed

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> to meet at one o'clock P. M. and the meeting was so adjourned —

April 10, 1882

The Town met as per adjournment.

Voted That the Dog Fund be appropriated for the purchase of Books for the Public Library —

Moved By Samuel W. Brown, That the compensation of Collector of ~~Assessors~~ Taxes be Sixty dollars, and that he be subject to the same conditions and restrictions, with the necessary change of date as the Collector for last year

Moved By Henry Newton to amend by striking out the provision for Discount. The amendment was rejected.

And the original motion adopted

Moved By Francis D. Lincoln, (S. W. Brown in the Chair) That the Selectmen be authorized to draw

upon the Town Treasurer for Seventy five dollars \$75.  
for Decoration Day, provided a cannon is received  
from the United States previous to that time - adopted

Moved By Samuel W. Brown that the Town refund to Mrs  
Jane S. Upham the sum of Five dollars collected from  
her for damage done to School House N<sup>o</sup> 4. by  
her sons. The motion was rejected -

Voted To raise Sixteen Hundred dollars for the support  
of Schools, that Fifteen Hundred of this amount be  
appropriated for the wages and Board of Teachers, for  
fuel and care of school-houses -

And that the  
balance be appropriated for the conveyance of  
pupils, and legitimate expenses of schools -

Voted To raise Forty eight hundred dollars and that  
the same be appropriated as follows;

For Repair of Highway, and for Tools	\$1200.
" Support of Bridges	150.
" Snow Paths	150.
" Repair of School-houses	100.
" Support of Paupers	1100.
" Office Salaries	500.
" Miscellaneous Expenses	500.
" Unusual Expenses	300.
" Discount on Taxes	300.
" Town Debt and Interest	500
	<hr/> \$4800.
Add appropriation for Schools	1600
Total Appropriation	<hr/> \$6400.

Voted To reconsider the vote refusing to choose  
Overseers of Poor, off 24. May 18

Voted On motion of Oscar F. Brown to choose three  
Overseers of Poor -



Noted On motion of S. W. Brown that a committee of Five be appointed to nominate three Overseers of Poor.

And the Moderator appointed Samuel W. Brown, Edward W. Potter, Elijah Allen, George Bacon and John W. Browning for that committee -

Who reported the following persons for Overseers of Poor viz, Henry Hutton Samuel W. Brown and Elijah Allen -

As they declined to serve the matter was referred back to the committee

And they reported the names of Henry F. Brown, Amos Munroe and Edward Bliss - Mr Munroe declining to serve the committee reported the name of Thomas J. Morgan.

And Henry F. Brown, Edward Bliss and Thomas J. Morgan were elected Overseers of Poor & sworn in

Noted That the Auditing Committee be requested to have the Annual Reports ready for distribution one week before the Annual meeting -

Noted To accept the reports as made and presented for the past year of the Finances of the town

Noted That the Road Commissioners be requested to expend at least one half of the appropriation for repair of Highways on or before the first day of July next, and that after the first of September next they make only such repairs as are necessary for the safety of the traveller -

Noted That the Town Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes of the current year, and to issue notes of the town therefor

Voted That the Town Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money to renew, replace or pay any existing loans or loans or any part thereof, and to issue notes of the town therefore

Adopted by a

vote of Yeas 25. Nays none

Voted That the meeting be dissolved, and the Moderator declared the meeting dissolved

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown

Town Clerk

## Officers chosen for 1882

Clerk & Treasurer

Henry F. Brown

Constables

Francis E. Cook

Medham Moulton

Selectmen

Sanford Booth

Moses H. Baker

Oscar F. Brown

Collector

Jonathan P. Webber

Town Viewers

Assessors

Henry Newton

Edward H. Morgan

David W. James

Samuel W. Brown

Jonas P. Webber

Oliver E. Parker

Surveyors of Lumber

School Committee 3 yrs

Darius Shaw

Newton S. Hubbard

Thomas J. Morgan

Library Director 3 yrs

Field Drivers

Thomas J. Morgan

Francis E. Cook

Daniel L. Briggs

Henry A. Nyman

Road Commissioners

Moses H. Baker for 3 years

John C. Spring " 2 "

Newton S. Hubbard " 1 "

Overseers of Poor

Henry F. Brown

Edward Bliss

Thomas J. Morgan

Auditor

Town Clerk

Chas. Schreiner

Chas. Assessors

Dealer of Leather

John W. Browning

Pound Keeper

Medham Moulton

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown

Town Clerk





Annual Election, November 7<sup>th</sup> 1882

The voters of Brimfield met at the Town Hall in answer to the foregoing warrant, after the reading of the warrant by Sanford Booth, chairman of the Selectmen, the Polls at 10 o'clock and 31 minutes A. M. were opened for the reception <sup>of votes</sup>, and remained open until 2 o'clock 31 minutes P. M. when they were closed, and the votes were sorted, counted and declared in open town meeting and were as follows viz:

- For Governor For Robert M. Bishop of Newton. One Hundred & three votes  
For Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell. Fifty eight votes
- For Lieut- Governor For Oliver Ames of Easton. Ninety nine votes  
For Samuel W. Bowdman of Pittsfield Sixty votes
- For Secretary Henry B. Pierce of Abington. had One Hundred & eight votes  
John P. Sweeney of Lawrence had Fifty seven votes
- Treasurer and Receiver General Daniel A. Benson of Medford. had One Hundred & eight votes  
William A. Hodges of Quincy. had Fifty seven votes
- For Auditor Charles B. Ladd of Springfield. had One Hundred & eight votes  
David H. Shilling of Winchester had Fifty seven votes
- For Attorney General Edgar Sherman of Lawrence had One Hundred & eight votes  
George F. Berg of Worcester had Fifty seven votes
- For Representation To Congress 10<sup>th</sup> District William W. Rice of Worcester had One Hundred & eight votes  
John Hopkins of Millbury had Fifty seven votes
- For Councillor & 4<sup>th</sup> District Wellington Smith of Lee, had One Hundred & eight votes  
George T. Plunkett of Hinsdale, had Fifty seven votes
- For County Commissioner Leonard Clark of Springfield had One Hundred & eight votes  
Wilson Eddy of Springfield had Fifty seven votes
- For Register of Deeds James E. Russell of Springfield had One Hundred & sixty five votes



County Treasurer M. Wells. Bridge of Springfield had One Hundred & thirteen votes  
 James<sup>W</sup> Hichman of Springfield had Fifty two votes  
 For Senator, First William H. Haight of Springfield had One Hundred & nine votes  
 Hampshire District Christopher C. Merrill of Springfield had Fifty six votes  
 For Representatives Solomon F. Cushman of Monson had One Hundred & three votes  
 First Hampshire Eugene Farrell of Monson had Sixty two votes

After the declaration of the votes appeared, the making out and sealing up the return of the same, also sealing up the votes cast, and the voting list used this day, on motion made, and carried to dissolve the meeting, the same was dissolved -

Recorded by  
 Henry F. Brown  
 Town Clerk

### Town Clerk Meeting

At a meeting of the Town Clerk of Representative District - No<sup>2</sup> One in Hampshire County held at the Selectmen's room in Brimfield on Wednesday the eighth day of November in the year A.D. 1882 at noon for the purpose of examining the <sup>returns</sup> of votes in the several towns in said District for representation to the General Court of Massachusetts - The whole number of votes returned was Eight Hundred and thirty six, and were for the following persons viz:

For Solomon F. Cushman of Monson, Four Hundred & thirty seven  
 For Eugene Farrell of Monson, Three Hundred & ninety nine

Solomon F. Cushman of Monson having a Plurality of the votes returned was declared Elected

Votes by Towns

	Cushman	Farrell		Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk Brimfield
Brimfield	103	62		C. M. Gage " " Monson
Monson	217	253		C. P. Boyce " " Wales
Wales	83	67		F. E. Fenny " " Holland
Holland	34	17		
	437	399		

Recorded by  
 Henry F. Brown  
 Town Clerk

This certifies that I have <sup>caused</sup> the ballots cast at the Election Nov 7<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1882 to be destroyed in accordance with the provisions of Chap 7. Sec 34 of the Public Statutes

Henry J. Brown

Town Clerk

## Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co

To Francis C. Cook, Constable of the town of  
Brimfield Greeting

In the name of said Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the second day of April next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles,

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting -
- Second To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. Also all committees and agents that the business of the town may require -
- Third To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the town, and act thereon -
- Fourth To raise money for the support of schools for the ensuing year -
- Fifth To raise money for the support of highways town ways and bridges, and direct how the same shall be expended,
- Sixth To raise money for the payment of Town debts and to defray expenses for the current year -
- Seventh To see if the Town will accept the report of the Selectmen for revising the list of jurors.



- Eighth To see if the Town will authorise the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes of the current year. Also to borrow money, to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans or any part thereof -
- Ninth To see if the town will allow a discount on Taxes if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.
- Tenth To see what disposition the town will make of their dog fund, or act thereon.
- Eleventh To see if the town will authorise the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes, which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.
- Twelfth To see if the Town will cause to be printed the reports of their town officers and agents or any parts of the same -
- Thirteenth To bring in their votes (Yes or No) upon the question. "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town"
- Fourteenth To see if the town will accept the provisions of Sections 69, 70, 71, 72 and 73 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statute in relation to Overseers of the Poor, and if so, to bring in their votes for three Overseers of the Poor
- Fifteenth To see what action the town will take in relation to serving warrants for their meetings -
- Sixteenth To see whether the Town will, by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens the right to hold town offices, and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens -

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, also one at the center post-office

and by mailing one each to the East and West-Brimfield Post-Offices, and by mailing or otherwise sending one to Foster's Mills in said Brimfield seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

They fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of March in the year One Thousand eight hundred and eighty three

Sanford Booth } Selectman  
Moses H. Baker } of  
Oscar F. Brown } Brimfield

Hamphra Jr

Brimfield April 2, 1883, I have served the within warrant as therein directed

F. E. Cook, Constable of Brimfield

Town Meeting April 2, 1883

The meeting was called to order, at the time specified in the warrant, by the Town Clerk, after the reading of the warrant. The votes were received for a Moderator, whole number of votes Forty one. Francis D. Lincoln had that number and was elected -

Moderator

Prayer by Rev W. H. Pierce

Voted To choose Clerk and Treasurer at the same Balloting

Town Clerk

Whole number of votes for Town Clerk and Town Treasurer, Forty five. Edward Bliss had 1 vote, 2. Blank vote, Henry F. Brown had Forty two votes, and was declared elected as Town Clerk and Town Treasurer, and sworn by the Moderator -

Treasurer

Voted To choose Three Selectmen one at a ballot

Selectman

The votes were then received for one Selectman



Selectman

whole number of votes seventy and were for James Hayes one vote, for Sanford Booth 2 votes, for James S. Blair twenty eight votes, for Moses M. Baker thirty nine votes, and he was declared elected and sworn.

Selectman

The votes were then received for another Selectman whole number of sixty seven, and were for E. M. Morgan one vote, for James Hayes and Frank M. Newton three votes each, for Sanford Booth fifty eight votes, and Sanford Booth was declared elected and sworn.

Selectman

The votes were then received for the third Selectman whole number of votes sixty eight, Frank M. Newton had eight votes, James Hayes had nineteen votes and Edward M. Morgan had forty one votes and was declared elected and sworn.

Voted To choose three Assessors, one at a ballot.

Assessor

The votes were then received for one Assessor whole number of votes sixty one, Fred Crafts, Frank M. Newton and Geo. M. Hitchcock had one vote each, James S. Blair had two votes, Samuel W. Brown had fifty six votes and was elected and sworn.

Assessor

The votes were then received for another Assessor, whole number of votes forty seven, Fred A. Crafts, James S. Blair, Frank M. Newton and Thomas J. Morgan had one vote each, Ous E. Parker had forty three votes, and was declared elected and sworn.

Assessor

For Third Assessor, whole number of votes twenty six, F. M. Newton had one vote, Jonathan J. Webber had twenty five votes and was declared elected and sworn.

School Committee  
for  
Three years

The votes were then received for a School Committee for Three years whole number of votes Fifty one, and were as follows; For Fred. A. Crafts and James S. Blair one vote each, for James Read Brown four votes, for Arthur F. Latham <sup>two</sup> five votes and he was declared elected

Collector  
of  
Taxes

The votes were then received for Collector of Taxes, whole number of votes, Thirty six, and James S. Blair had one vote, Rev S. D. McDuffie four vote, Jonathan P. Webber had Thirty one votes, and was declared elected and sworn

Voted To choose Two Constables one at a ballot,

Constable

The votes were then received for Constable, whole number of votes, Thirty one, for James Hayes and Jonathan P. Webber one vote each, For Francis E. Cook Twenty nine votes, and he was declared elected and sworn.

Constable

The votes were then received for another Constable whole number of votes, <sup>Ten</sup> all for Nedham Moulton and he was declared elected & sworn.

Road  
Commissioner  
for Three  
Years

The votes were then received for Road Commissioner for three years, whole number of votes Forty eight. Nedham Moulton and Samuel W. Brown had one vote each, Newton S. Hubbard had sixteen votes, William J. Brown had Thirty votes and was declared elected & sworn

Moved

To adopt the provisions of Sections 69, 70, 71, 72 and 73 of Chapt-27, of the Public Statutes, not carried 17 voting for and 20 voting against the motion -

Moved

By Samuel W. Brown, that the Selectmen be Overseers of the Poor - not carried

Voted

On motion of Francis J. Lincoln (George M. Pitakeoch in the Chair) To reconsider the vote



refusing to accept the provisions of Sec 69, 70, 71, 72 and 73 of Chap 27. of the Public Statutes.

Voted On motion of Francis D. Lincoln to accept the provisions of Sections 69, 70, 71, 72 and 73 of Chap 27. of the Public Statutes -

Voted On motion of Francis D. Lincoln that the Chair appoint a committee of three to nominate a Board of Overseers of the Poor to be balloted for -

And the Chair appointed Francis D. Lincoln, Amos Mumme, and George Bacon for that committee -

who reported as

follows viz;

For Overseer of the Poor for 1 year Henry Newton

For Overseer of the Poor for 2 years Henry F. Brown

For Overseer of the Poor for 3 years Thomas J. Morgan

Overseer of the  
Poor for

One year

The votes were then received for an Overseer of the Poor for one year, whole number of votes thirty three.

For Edward Bliss, Thomas J. Morgan and Francis C. Cook one vote each, for James S. Blair two votes, for Henry Newton, twenty eight votes, and Henry Newton was declared elected & sworn

Overseer of Poor  
for Two years

The votes were then received for an Overseer of the Poor for Two years, whole number of votes twenty nine and were for Edward Bliss two votes, for Henry F. Brown twenty seven votes, and he was elected and sworn

Overseer of Poor  
for Three years

The votes were then received for an Overseer of the Poor for Three years, whole number of votes fourteen, Thomas J. Morgan had that number and was elected, & sworn

Voted To accept the Report of the Selectmen revising the list of jurors -

*Voted To choose Three Fence Viewers, And Samuel W. Brown,  
Fence Viewers Thomas J. Morgan and Moses H. Baker were chosen and  
sworn*

*Voted To choose Two Surveyors of Lumber, and J. Winslow  
Surveyors of Lumber Josket and Thomas J. Morgan were chosen and sworn*

*Sealer of Leather, Augustus Wheeler was chosen Sealer of Leather*

*Pound Keeper Hedham Moulton, was chosen Pound Keeper*

*Voted To choose Three, Field drivers and William J. Brown,  
Field Drivers Elijah E. Tarbell and Miner H. Corbin were  
chosen and sworn*

*Voted That the Town Clerk, Chairman of the Selectmen,  
Auditors and Chairman of the Assessors be the Auditing  
Committee*

*Voted That a committee of three be appointed by the  
Chair, to nominate a Library Director for three  
years, Samuel W. Brown, <sup>Pres</sup> Francis E. Cook,  
and Emory Livermore were appointed and  
reported the name of Henry T. Brown and  
he was chosen -*

*Guide Boards, The Road Commissioners submitted their report  
on Guide Boards, with a recommendation  
that Guide Boards be erected at certain places  
as therein named, and presented a sample  
for the consideration and action of the town,  
after amendment the report was accepted,  
and it was*

*Voted That the Road Commissioners procure them  
the sample shown,*

*Voted That the Collector of Taxes have the same authority  
for collecting Taxes as Town Treasurers have  
when appointed Collectors*



Voted That the Dog Fund be appropriated for the purchase of Books for the Public Library

Elwell

Portrait

The Committee on Elwell's portrait of Washington made an oral report stating that a majority of their number had decided to place the same where it is now located, and submitted the matter for the consideration and action of the town -

Voted

Elwell Portrait

On motion of Samuel W. Brown, That the Committee be instructed to express to Mrs W. S. Elwell in behalf of the town their sincere thanks for the portrait of Washington painted by her late husband and presented by her as a memorial of him to his native town -

Voted

That the matter of a change of location for the Portrait, if found desirable, be left with the committee

Voted

That the Town Treasurer, be authorised with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the current year and to issue notes of the town therefor

Voted

That the Town Treasurer, be authorised with the <sup>approval</sup> of the Selectmen, to borrow money, to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan, or loans or any part thereof, and to issue the notes of the town therefor, Voted by Yeas 43. Nays none

Voted

That the Reports of Town Officers be printed as last year including report on Guide Boards -

Voted

That future meetings of the town be warned by posting an attested copy of the warrant for the same at the Town Hall and the Brimfield Post Office, seven days before the time of holding said meetings

Voted

That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be Sixty dollars, subject to the following conditions and restrictions; he shall give bonds to the town for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, he shall collect and pay over to the Treasurer of the town on or before the first day of September <sup>next</sup> all the Poll taxes (unless for good and sufficient reasons the Assessors allow him further time on the same,) and one half the tax on real and personal estate, and shall during the first week of every month pay to the Town Treasurer all moneys which he shall have collected, except so much as he shall collect for the County Tax, which shall be paid to the County Treasurer at the time specified in his warrant. He shall make a discount of six per cent to all those who pay their taxes in full on or before the first day of September next, and a discount of four per cent to those who pay their taxes in full after the first day of September next and on or before the first day of January next, and upon all taxes which shall remain <sup>unpaid</sup> at the last date, he shall charge and collect interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, until the same are paid, and shall make a final settlement with the Town Treasurer on or before <sup>the</sup> Wednesday after the first Monday in March next, and whenever he has collected and paid over to the Town Treasurer seven eighths of the amount committed to him to collect, he shall be entitled to receive two thirds of his compensation, and the balance when he completes his collections as aforesaid.

Discount

Compensation  
and  
Conditions for  
Collecting  
Taxes

Voted

That the Selectmen, if other arrangements are not made, be authorized and requested to employ the Sexton to provide Wreaths and Flowers to decorate the graves of soldiers in the Cemetery at an expense not to exceed Twenty dollars

Decoration of  
Soldiers  
Graves

Liquor  
Licenses

The votes were then received upon the question "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town" and the vote was

Yes Forty - 40  
No Fifty one - 51

Moved By Samuel W. Brown to appropriate \$200. to paint the Town House if the Selectment find it expedient so to do. Not carried



Moved By Samuel W. Brown that the Selectmen be authorised and empowered in behalf of the town to ask the Legislature to <sup>extend to</sup> women who are citizens, the right to hold town offices and to vote in town affairs, on the same terms as male citizens - and the vote was

Female Suffrage

Yes. Twenty seven 27  
No. Forty nine 49

Noted On motion of Samuel W. Brown, that the Selectmen be authorised to have the outside of the Town House painted if they think it expedient and necessary -

Painting Town House

Noted To raise Sixteen hundred for the support of Schools, that Fifteen hundred dollars of this amount be appropriated for the wages and board of Teachers, for Fuel, and care of school-houses

And that the balance be appropriated for the conveyance of pupils, and other legitimate expenses of schools.

Noted To raise and appropriate Thirteen hundred dollars for the support of the Poor, and that the Overseers of the Poor be authorised to expend at the least Two hundred dollars for additions and improvements at the Almshouse -

Noted To raise Thirty five hundred <sup>and fifty</sup> dollars and that the same be appropriated as follows viz:

For repair of highways and for tools	\$ 1200.
" support of Bridges	150.
" Snow Paths	150.
" Repair of School-houses	100.
" Officers Salaries	550.
" Miscellaneous expenses &	600.
" Town debt and interest	500.
" Discount on Taxes	300.

\$ 3550

*Voted* That the Selectmen be instructed to grant the free use of the Selectmen's <sup>room</sup> to the Division of the Sons of Temperance, in this place for their meetings.

Also the occasional use of the large room for their meetings, when no admission fee is charged on the same time, provided the room is not wanted by parties who will pay for its use at such times—

Recorded by *Henry F. Brown*  
Town Clerk

### Town Officers for the year 1883

<i>Clerk &amp; Treasurer</i>	<i>Constable</i>	<i>Dealer of Leather</i>
<i>Henry F. Brown</i>	<i>Francis E. Cook</i>	<i>Augustus Wheeler</i>
	<i>Nathan Moulton</i>	

### Selectmen

<i>Moses H. Baker</i>	<i>Road Commissioner 3 yrs</i>
<i>Sanford Booth</i>	<i>William F. Brown</i>
<i>Edward H. Morgan</i>	

### Oversers of the Poor

<i>Assessors</i>	<i>Henry Weston for 1 yr</i>
<i>Samuel W. Brown</i>	<i>Henry F. Brown " 2 yrs</i>
<i>Geo. E. Parker</i>	<i>Thomas J. Morgan " 3 yrs</i>
<i>Jonathan P. Webber</i>	

### Fence Drivers

<i>School Committee 3 yrs</i>	<i>Samuel W. Brown</i>
<i>Arthur A. Upham</i>	<i>Moses H. Baker</i>
	<i>Thomas J. Morgan</i>

### Library Directors for 3 yrs

<i>Henry F. Brown</i>	<i>Sound Keeper</i>
	<i>Nathan Moulton</i>

### Field Drivers

<i>William F. Brown</i>
<i>Elijah C. Tarbell</i>
<i>Minor H. Corbin</i>
<i>Collector of Taxes</i>
<i>Jonathan P. Webber</i>

### Auditors

<i>Henry F. Brown</i>
<i>Moses H. Baker</i>
<i>Samuel W. Brown</i>

### Surveyors of Lumber

<i>D. W. Forket</i>
<i>Thomas J. Morgan</i>

Recorded by *Henry F. Brown*



Warrant for Election Nov 6. 1883  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co

To Francis C. Cook Constable of  
Brimfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required to notify and warn the  
inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to  
vote in Elections to meet at the Town Hall in  
Brimfield on Tuesday Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1883 at 10 o'clock A.M.  
Polls open at 10.30 A.M. to give, in their Ballots for  
a Governor, Lieut Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of the Common-  
wealth, Attorney General, Councillor for Councillor  
District N<sup>o</sup> Eight, one Senator for the first Hampden  
District, one Representative to the General Court from  
the First Hampden District, District Attorney for  
Western District, three Commissioners of Insolvency,  
Register of Probate and Insolvency, Sheriff for  
Hampden County, One County Commissioner and  
two Special Commissioners. All on one  
Ballot -

The Selectmen set the time for closing  
the Polls, at 2.30 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this  
warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the  
Town Hall, and one at the Center Post Office seven days  
at least before the time for holding said meeting -  
Hereof fait not and make due return of this warrant  
with your doings to the Selectmen at the time and  
place of meeting.

Given under our hands this twentieth  
day of October in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred  
and eighty three

Constables Return

Hampden Co. Brimfield Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1883

I have served the within warrant as

therein directed, Francis C. Cook, Constable of Brimfield.

M. H. Baker } Selectmen  
Sargent Booth } of  
E. M. Morgan } Brimfield

Recorded by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk

Annual Election November 6<sup>th</sup> 1883

The voters of Brimfield assembled at the Town Hall in presence of the following warrant. The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock and 12 minutes A. M. by Moses H. Baker, chairman of the Selectmen, after the reading of the warrant, at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes A. M. the Polls were opened for the reception of votes, and remained opened until 2½ o'clock P. M. when they were closed, and the votes were counted, and declaration thereof made in open town meeting as follows viz:

- For Governor For George D. Robinson, of Chicopee. One Hundred & thirty eight votes  
For Benjamin F. Butler, of Lowell. Sixty nine votes
- For Lieutenant Governor Oliver Ames of Boston, had One Hundred & twenty nine votes  
James S. Grinnell of Brimfield, had Seventy nine votes
- For Secretary of State Henry B. Pierce of Abington, had One Hundred & thirty six votes  
Charles Marsh of Springfield, had Seventy six votes
- For Treasurer, and Receiver General Daniel A. Gleason, of Medford, had One Hundred & thirty six votes  
Charles H. Ingalls, of North Adams, had Seventy seven votes
- For Auditor Charles B. Ladd of Springfield had One Hundred & thirty eight votes  
John Hopkins of Millbury had Seventy six votes
- For Attorney General Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence had One Hundred & thirty six votes  
John W. Cummings of Fall River had Seventy seven votes
- For Councillor 8<sup>th</sup> District Zenas Crane of Dalton, had One Hundred & thirty six votes  
Marshall Wilcox of Pittsfield had Seventy seven votes
- For District Attorney Andrew J. Waterman of Pittsfield, had One Hundred & thirty seven votes  
Henry W. Ely of Westfield, had Seventy seven votes
- For Senator, First Hampshire District William B. Sessions of Humphreys, had One Hundred & thirty nine votes  
Christopher L. Meritt of Springfield, had Seventy five votes



For Sheriff

William E. Sanderson of Springfield had One Hundred & thirty one votes  
 Theodore J. Beach of Springfield had Eighty three votes

For Register of Probate  
 and Insolvency

Samuel B. Spooner of Springfield had Two  
 Hundred and fourteen votes

For County

Henry A. Chase of Holyoke had One Hundred & thirty six votes  
 Commissioner James Kinnage of Holyoke had seventy seven votes

For Special

Commissioners

Isa C. Potter of Williamstown had One Hundred & thirty six votes  
 Amos E. Wilder of Chaucer had Seventy seven votes  
 Benjamin F. Burr of Ludlow had One Hundred & thirty six votes  
 J. M. Churchhill of Agawam had Seventy seven votes

For Commissioners  
 of  
 Insolvency

Joseph A. Brew of Holyoke had One Hundred & thirty six votes  
 Henry C. Bliss of West Springfield had One Hundred & thirty six votes  
 Willis S. Kellogg of Westfield had One Hundred & thirty six votes  
 Frank C. Carpenter of Springfield had seventy seven votes  
 Henry W. Ashby of Westfield had seventy seven votes  
 Cornelius J. Driscoll of Holyoke had seventy seven votes

For Representative  
 District No 1

Lucius A. Butler of Brimfield had One Hundred & twenty five votes  
 Eugene B. Farnell of Monroton had Eighty seven votes  
 James S. Blair of Brimfield had one vote

After the declaration of the votes, the making out  
 and signing and sealing the returns of the same  
 also sealing up the votes cast, and the voting list  
 used this day it was

Motion To dissolve the meeting and it was so done  
 Attest

Henry J. Proctor  
 Town Clerk

This certifies that I have caused the ballots cast at the  
 Election Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1888 to be destroyed in accordance with  
 the provisions of Chap 7. Sec 24. of the Public Statutes

Henry J. Proctor  
 Town Clerk

Town Clerks  
Meeting

At a meeting of the Town Clerks of Representative District No. one in Hampshire County, Massachusetts held at the School room in Brimfield on Wednesday the seventh day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and eighty three at noon for the purpose of examining the returns of votes cast in the several towns in said District for Representation to the General Court -

The whole number of votes returned was Five Hundred and sixty four. For Lucius A. Cutler of Brimfield Five Hundred and ninety eight votes

For Eugene B. Farrell of Monson Four Hundred and sixty four votes.

For James S. Blair of Brimfield one vote  
For Lucius A. Cutler one vote

Lucius A. Cutler of Brimfield having a plurality of the votes cast was declared elected

Henry F. Brown Town Clerk of Brimfield  
Ozro P. Royce " " " Wales  
F. E. Hinney " " " Holland  
C. M. Gay " " " Monson

Votes by Towns

Towns	For Lucius A. Cutler Brimfield	Eugene B. Farrell Monson	For Lucius A. Cutler	For James S. Blair Brimfield
Monson	339	302	1	
Brimfield	125	87		1
Wales	92	56		
Holland	42	12		
	598	464	1	1

Recorded by  
Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



Warrant for Town Meeting Dec 3, 1883  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To Francis E. Cook, Constable of the town of  
Brimfield Meeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify  
and warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield  
qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the  
Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the  
third of December next at one o'clock in the  
afternoon to act on the following articles

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Second To see what action the town will take in regard  
to providing a barn for the Town Farm, in  
place of the one recently destroyed by fire —
- Third To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to  
borrow such sum of money as may be needed  
to carry out the action of the town under  
Art 2<sup>d</sup> in this warrant —
- Fourth To choose all committees and agents that the  
business of the town may require —

And you are

directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same  
at the Town Hall and center Post-Office, seven days at least before  
the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of  
this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said  
Brimfield at the time of <sup>and place</sup> said meeting aforesaid. Given under our  
hands this twenty fourth day of November in the year one thousand  
eight hundred and eighty three.

Hampden Co. Brimfield Dec 3, 1883

I have served the within warrant as

Amos J. Baker } Selectmen  
E. M. Maynor } Brimfield

Given at date, Francis E. Cook, Constable of Brimfield

Town Meeting December 3, 1883

The voters of Brimfield assembled at the Town Hall December 3<sup>d</sup>. 1883. after the reading of the warrant for the same by the Town Clerk. The vote was received for Moderator, whole number of votes Twenty seven and were for the following persons, F. Edward W. Potter, Moses H. Baker and Henry F. Brown one vote each, for F. C. Cook and C. M. Hitchcock. two votes each, for A. A. Upham three votes, for Samuel W. Brown seventeen votes and he was declared elected -

Voted

That it is expedient to build a barn at the Town farm in place of the one destroyed by fire -

Voted

That a committee of five be chosen who are authorized and directed in the name and behalf of the town to contract for and superintend the construction of a barn on the Town farm similar to the one destroyed by fire Nov-24. and with authority to contract for and erect such additional buildings in the matter of sheds, Training and Ice house as they find to be necessary -

Voted

That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to nominate the committee of five, and George Bacon, Sumner Parker and Amos Munroe were so appointed, and they reported the following persons for said committee of five viz; Sumner Parker, Henry F. Brown, Sanford Booth, Thomas J. Morgan and William H. Sherman, and their report was accepted and adopted

Voted

That the Selectmen be authorized to fill any vacancies in said committee of five



Moved That it is expedient for the Overseers of Poor to sell the Oxen at the Town Farm the motion was not carried

Noted That the Treasurer be authorised to borrow such sums of money as may be needed to carry out the votes of the town under Art 2, in the warrants for this meeting and give the notes of the town therefor, subject to the approval of the Selectmen

Noted That the collection of the Insurance on the property destroyed by fire at the Town Farm be left with the Town Treasurer,

Noted That the meeting be dissolved and it was so done

A true record

Attest

Mary J. Brown  
Town Clerk

Warrant for Annual Meeting, April 7<sup>th</sup> 1884  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Mansfield ss

To Francis C. Cook, Constable of the  
Town of Brimfield

In the name of said Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield Monday the seventh day of April next at ten o. clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles.

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year; also, all committees and agents the business of the town may require.

- Third To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the town and act thereon.
- Fourth To raise money for the support of schools for the ensuing year.
- Fifth To raise money for the support of highways, town ways and bridges, and direct how the same shall be expended.
- Sixth To raise money for the payment of town debts, and to defray expenses of the town for the ensuing year.
- Seventh To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen for revising the list of jurors.
- Eighth To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the current year; Also to borrow money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof.
- Ninth To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes, if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.
- Tenth To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.
- Eleventh To see what disposition the town will make of their Dog Fund, or act thereon.
- Twelfth To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of their <sup>Town</sup> officers, and agents, or any parts of the same.
- Thirteenth To see if the town will cause to be printed once in five years their valuation list.
- Fourteenth To bring in their votes (Yes or No) upon the question Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?
- Fifteenth To see what action the town will take in regards to the Bridges, and flume, at Webber's Mill.



Sixteenth To see if the town will vote to procure a Hook, and Extension Ladder to be used in case of fire, and act thereon,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and also one at the center Post Office in said Brimfield seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Be careful not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of March, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and eighty four.

M. H. Baker, Selectmen  
 Sanford Booth } of  
 E. H. Morgan } Brimfield

Hamden P

Brimfield April 7, 1884

I have served the <sup>written</sup> foregoing warrant as therein directed

Francis E. Cook,

Constable of Brimfield

Annual Election April 7<sup>th</sup> 1884

The voters of Brimfield met at the Town Hall in obedience to the foregoing warrant and were called to order by Henry F. Brown Town Clerk, at 10.0. clock and 15 minutes A. M. after the reading of the warrant, the vote was received for Moderator, whole number of votes 59 and was for Francis D. Lincoln twenty four votes, for Samuel W. Brown thirty five votes and he was declared elected.

Moderator

Prayer by Rev W. H. Pierce

Town Clerk The votes were then received for Town Clerk, whole number of votes Fifty eight, all for Henry T. Brown and he was declared elected and sworn by the Moderator.

Selectman The votes were then received for a Selectman, whole number of votes seventy six and were for James S. Blair Twenty votes, for Moses M. Baker Fifty six votes, and he was declared elected and sworn.

Selectman The votes were then received for another Selectman whole number of votes Twenty one, and were for Lucius A. Butler one vote, for James S. Blair, Two votes, for Mrs E. Parker, Thirteen votes, for Frank M. Newton Fifty five votes, and Frank M. Newton, was declared elected, and sworn.

Selectman The votes were then received for third Selectman whole number of votes Fifty one, and were for James S. Blair one vote, for Edward M. Morgan two votes, for John C. Spring Forty eight votes, and he was declared elected and sworn.

Assessor The votes were then received for an Assessor whole number of votes Sixty eight, and were for Edward M. Morgan fifteen votes, for Samuel W. Brown Fifty three votes, and he was declared elected & sworn.

Assessor The votes were then received for another Assessor whole number of votes Forty seven. George M. Hitchcock had one vote, Edward M. Morgan had Three votes and John Shumley had Forty four votes and was elected and sworn.

Assessor The votes were then received for a third Assessor whole number of votes Fifty four and were, for Thomas J. Morgan one vote, for Edward M. Morgan three votes, for Jonathan P. Welber Fifty votes, and he was elected and sworn.



- School Committee  
For Three years  
The votes were then received for a School Committee for three years, whole number of votes, Fifty two, and were for James Read, Brown Two votes, for Thomas J. Morgan Fifty votes and he was declared elected.
- School Committee  
For Two years  
The votes were then received for a School Committee for Two years, whole number of votes Sixty nine, and were for Moses H. Baker and Charles O. Stone one vote each, for James Read Brown Two votes, for Charles E. Bacon Six votes, for Orris E. Parker, Twenty votes, for Louis S. Brown, Thirty nine votes and he was elected.
- Overseer of Poor  
Three Years  
The votes were then received for Overseer of the Poor for Three years, whole number of votes, Forty four, Francis J. Lincoln had one vote, Porter A. Parker had Forty three votes, and was declared elected and sworn.
- Road Commissioners  
for Three Years  
The votes were received for Road Commissioners for Three years, whole number of votes Thirty four, Porter A. Parker had Two votes, John C. Spring had Thirty two votes and was elected and sworn.
- Town Treasurer  
elected. To pass over the Election of Town Treasurer.
- Collector  
The votes were then received for Collector, whole number of votes, Thirty, all for Jonathan T. Webber, and he was elected and sworn.
- Constable  
The votes were then received for Constable whole number of votes Seventeen, Samuel W. Brown had one vote, Francis E. Cook had Sixteen votes and was elected and sworn.
- Constable  
The votes were then received for another Constable, whole number of votes, Eleven, all for Medham Moulton, and he was elected and sworn.
- Adjourn  
To adjourn to meet at one o'clock P. M. of this day, and the meeting was so adjourned.

The meeting assembled as per adjournment—

*Voted* That the Chair appoint a committee of Three to nominate a Liding Director for Three years, and Francis D. Lincoln Newton S. Hubbard, and Thomas M. Mahon were so appointed and they reported the name of Samuel W. Brown and he was elected

*Voted* To accept the List of jurors as reported by the Selectmen viz: George M. Hitchcock, James Dunkan, John Shanley Edward Bliss, Miles S. Booth, Thomas J. Morgan Orus E. Parker, Sanford Booth, Oscar F. Brown Arthur B. Brown, Edwin A. James, Charles S. Tarbell, Frank B. Newton, William N. Hitchcock, Minus M. Corbin, Josiah Stebbins.

*Jurors*

*Voted* That a committee of three be appointed to nominate Three Fence viewers, and Francis E. Cook, George M. Hitchcock and Erney Livermore were appointed. who reported the names of Thomas J. Morgan, Moses H. Baker, and Samuel W. Brown for Fence viewers, and they were elected and all sworn

*Fence viewers*

The following Officers were elected by nomination from the meeting viz: For Field Drivers, Jonathan T. Webber, Orestus A. Blashfield, Orrin Hicks, George B. Brown, and Elson B. Moulton

*Field Drivers*

*Surveyors* of Wood & Lumber were elected Surveyors of Wood and Lumber, Charles S. Tarbell, <sup>James</sup> Norman S. Powers, J. Winslow Fosket, Thomas J. Morgan and Edwin A. James

*Auditors* The Town Clerk, Chairman of the Selectmen and Chairman of the Assessors were appointed Auditors for the current year—

*Voted* To pass over Article 13<sup>th</sup> in the warrant



Voted  
 License or  
 No License  
 To act on Article 14, in the Warrant and upon the Question "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town", the whole number of votes was Sixty eight, as follows  
 Yes 9, No 59

Voted  
 Rescission of  
 Vote  
 To rescind the vote passed at the last Annual Meeting giving the free use of the Selectmen's room and the occasional use of the large room to the Division of the Sons of Temperance in this place.

Voted  
 Committee on  
 Harriet Allen's  
 Will  
 That the town choose an Agent to inquire into their interest in the Will of Harriet Allen late of this town, and that he be authorized to take such measures as he shall deem expedient to secure for the town, whatever there may be due it, per said will, and Francis E. Cook was chosen as said committee.

Voted  
 Appropriation  
 for  
 Schools  
 To raise Sixteen Hundred dollars for the support of Schools, that Fifteen Hundred dollars of this amount be appropriated, for the wages and board of teachers, for fuel, and care of school houses, and that the balance be appropriated for the conveyance of pupils, and other legitimate expenses of schools.

Voted  
 To raise Forty eight hundred dollars and that the same be appropriated as follows viz:

For Repair of Highways and for Railings	1200.00
For Support of Bridges	150.00
For Snow Patches	200.00
For Repair of school houses	100.00
For Support of Paupers	1200.00
For Officers Salaries	550.00
For Miscellaneous Expenses	600.00
For Town Debt and Interest	500.00
For Discount on Taxes	300.00
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	\$ 4800.00
Add appropriations for Schools:	1600.00
Total appropriations	<hr/> \$ 6400.00

Moved By Alva Thayer to raise One Hundred and fifty dollars in addition to the foregoing, and that the same be expended to repair the cross road from Foster's Mills Southely to the Abouson road, this motion was not adopted.

Noted That the Treasurer, be authorised with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year, and to give the notes of the town therefor.

Noted That the Town Treasurer be authorised with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan, or loans, or any part thereof, and to issue the notes of the town therefor -  
Passed by a vote of Yeas 22. Nays none

Noted That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be the same as for last year, and that he have the same duties, and be subject to the same conditions, as there specified, except the necessary change of date to apply the same to this the current <sup>year</sup>. See page 351

Noted Under Art 16<sup>th</sup>. That the town procure a Fire Hook, and Extension Ladder for use at Fires.

And that the Selectmen be authorised to procure such as they judge best adapted for the purpose, and that they provide a suitable place where they shall be kept.

Noted To. reconsider the above vote, and the same was withdrawn, and it was

Noted That the Selectmen be authorised and instructed to procure a suitable Fire Hook and Extension Ladder for use at Fires. the expense thereof not to exceed One Hundred dollars,

Noted That the Collector be authorised to use the means for collecting taxes, that Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector



Voted That the Reports of Town Officers be printed in the same manner as last year

Voted To pass over Art 13, without action thereon

Voted That the Dog Fund be appropriated for the purchase of books for the Public Library.

Voted To pass over Art 15 in the warrant without action

The Overseers of the Poor made a report in relation to the case of Ellen Newton now in Court

Voted That the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to take such action in the Ellen Newton case as they find to be expedient for the present and future interest of the town.

Voted To accept the Reports of Town Officers as submitted in print by the Auditors and other Officers.

Voted That this meeting be dissolved and the Moderator so declared

Recorded by

Henry J. Brown  
Town Clerk

# Town Officers for the year 1884

Clerk & Treasurer	Road Commissioners, Term ends.	Field Drivers
Henry F. Brown	Moses H. Baker, April 1885	Jonathan P. Webber
	W <sup>m</sup> Johnson Brown, " 1886	Oristus A. Blashfield
Selectmen	John C. Spring " 1887	Orin Hish
Moses H. Baker		George B. Brown
Frank B. Newton	School Committee	Olson B. Moulton
John C. Spring	Newton S. Hubbard, Apr 1885	
	Louis S. Brown " 1886	Surveyors of Wood & Lumber
Assessors	Thomas J. Morgan " 1887	Charles S. Tarbell,
Samuel W. Brown		Norman S. Powers
John Shambly	Overseers of the Poor	D. Winslow Fosket
Jonathan P. Webber	Henry F. Brown, Apr 1885	Thomas J. Morgan
	Thomas J. Morgan " 1886	Edwin A. James
Collector	Porter A. Parker " 1887	
Jonathan P. Webber		Fence Viewers
	Library Directors	Thomas J. Morgan
Constables	Thomas J. Morgan <sup>Apr</sup> 1885	Samuel W. Brown
Francis E. Cook	Henry F. Brown, Apr 1886	Moses H. Baker
Nedham Moulton	Samuel W. Brown " 1887	Deputy
	Auditors	Francis E. Cook
Town Clerk	Chairman of Selectmen,	Chairman of Assessors,



Warrant for State Election. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1884  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden ss

To either of the Constables of the town of ~~Brimfield~~  
Brimfield

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants  
of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections  
to meet at the Town Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday  
the fourth day of November next at ten o'clock  
in the forenoon, and at half past ten o'clock (at  
which time the Polls will be opened) being in their <sup>places</sup> to the Selectmen  
for Electors of President and Vice President, One Representative to  
Congress for the Tenth Congressional District, For Governor, Lieutenant  
Governor, One Councillor for the Eighth Councillor District,  
Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor and Attorney  
General for the Commonwealth, One County Commissioner  
for Hampden County, Senator for the First Hampden District  
and One Representative for the First Representative District in  
Hampden County.

All on one Ballot

The Selectmen fix the time for closing the polls at half past  
two o'clock P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting  
attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at the center Post Office  
seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place  
of Meeting.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of October  
in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred & Eighty four

Hampden ss

Brimfield Nov 4. 1884

I have served the within warrant  
as therein directed

M. H. Baker Selectmen  
F. B. Keelson }  
J. C. Sprung } of  
Brimfield

F. C. Cook, Constable of Brimfield

Recorded by

Henry H. Horner

Town Clerk

National and State Election November 4<sup>th</sup> 1884

The voters of Braintree assembled at the Town Hall on Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup> 1884 and were called to order at ten o'clock and 18 minutes A. M. by Moses B. Baker Chairman of the Selectmen, after the reading of the Warrant, the Ballot Boxes were opened in the presence of the voters and found to be empty. The Register stood at 000. The box was then closed and locked, and at half past ten o'clock the Polls were opened for the reception of votes, and were kept open until half past two o'clock P. M. when the town by vote leaving by vote declined to have the Polls kept open for a longer time they were closed. The Register of the Ballot Box showing that One Hundred and eighty eight persons had voted, and the check marks on the Check List showed that One Hundred and eighty eight persons had voted, and the count of the Ballots, showed One Hundred and eighty eight Ballots cast.

The votes were then sorted and counted, and declaration thereof made in open town meeting as follows:

For Electors  
at Large

Mark Hopkins of Williamstown had Ninety six votes  
Thomas Talbot of Billerica had Ninety six votes  
Jonas H. French of Gloucester had Eighty votes  
Ruben Noble of Westfield had Seventy nine votes  
Robert C. Pitman, of Newton had Twelve votes  
Alonso, A. Miner of Boston had Twelve votes

For Elector for  
District N<sup>o</sup> One

Asariah Eldridge of Barnmouth had Ninety six votes  
George Delano of New Bedford had Eighty votes  
Charles Almy, of New Bedford had Twelve votes

For Elector for  
District N<sup>o</sup> Two

Sylvanus H. Staples of Taunton had Ninety six votes  
Bushrod Morse of Sharon had Eighty votes  
Thomas J. Lothrop of Taunton had Twelve votes



For Elector for Arthur W. Tufts of Boston had Ninety six votes  
 District N<sup>o</sup> Three Francis A. Peters of Boston had Eighty votes  
 Eugene H. Clapp of Boston had Twelve votes

For Elector for Ebenezer M. McPherson of Boston had Ninety six votes  
 District N<sup>o</sup> Four Hugh A. Madden of Boston had Eighty votes  
 Israel S. Trafton of Boston had Twelve votes

For Elector for Samuel L. Montague of Cambridge had Ninety six votes  
 District N<sup>o</sup> Five Christopher E. Hyman of Somerville had Eighty votes  
 James M. Roberts of Cambridge had Twelve votes

For Elector for Ezra A. Stearns of Malden had Ninety six votes  
 District N<sup>o</sup> Six Knowles Freeman of Chelsea had Eighty votes  
 George H. Harwood of Lynn had Twelve votes

For Elector for Daniel B. Hagar of Salem had Ninety six votes  
 District N<sup>o</sup> Seven Charles P. Thompson of Gloucester had Eighty votes  
 James J. H. Gregory of Marblehead had Twelve votes

For Elector for Charles A. Stott of Lowell had Ninety six votes  
 District N<sup>o</sup> Eight John C. Sanborn of Lawrence had Eighty votes  
 James H. Fellows of Lowell had Twelve votes

For Elector for Lucius G. Pratt of Newton had Ninety six votes  
 District N<sup>o</sup> Nine James E. Cotto of Hyde Park had Eighty votes  
 Claudius B. Travis of Haverhill had Twelve votes

For Elector for Philip L. Moen, of Worcester had Ninety six votes  
 District N<sup>o</sup> Ten Waldo Lincoln of Worcester had Eighty votes  
 Charles Heritage of Warren had Twelve votes

For Elector for Eli A. Hubbards of Hatfield had Ninety six votes  
 District N<sup>o</sup> Eleven Festus C. Currier of Fitchburg, had Eighty votes  
 Benjamin Snow of Fitchburg had Twelve votes

For Elector for William S. Shurtleff of Springfield had Ninety six votes  
 District N<sup>o</sup> Twelve Elisha B. Maynard of Springfield had Eighty votes  
 John Blackman of Springfield had Twelve votes

For Representative to William W. Rice of Worcester, had One Hundred and twenty one votes  
 Congress, Tenth District James E. Estabrook of Worcester had Sixty votes

For Governor George D. Robinson of Chicopee had One Hundred and twenty four votes  
 William C. Endicott of Salem had Fifty eight votes  
 Julius M. Seelye of Amherst had Six votes

For Lieut Governor Oliver Ames of Easton had One Hundred and twelve votes  
 James C. Trinnell of Greenfield had Sixty nine votes  
 Henry M. Faxon of Quincy had Five votes

For Secretary of State Henry B. Pierce of Abington had One hundred & twenty seven votes  
 Jeremiah Crowley of Lowell had Sixty votes  
 George Henshew of Sharon had One vote

For Treasurer and Daniel A. Season of Medford had One Hundred & twenty seven votes  
 Receiver General Charles March of Springfield had Sixty votes  
 Charles B. Fennight of Worcester had One vote

For Auditor Charles K. Ladd of Springfield had One Hundred & twenty seven votes  
 John Hopkins of Millbury had Sixty votes  
 William W. Sherman of Lowell One vote

For Attorney General Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence One Hundred & twenty seven votes  
 John W. Cummings of Fall River had Sixty votes  
 Samuel M. Fairchild of Malden had One vote

For Councillor Zenas Crane Jr of Dalton had One Hundred & twenty seven votes  
 District 4<sup>th</sup> Eight Williams L. Smith of Springfield had Sixty one votes

For Senator for First William M. Sessions of Hampshires had One hundred & twenty eight votes  
 Hampshire District Edward A. Hall of Springfield had Sixty votes

For County Commissioner Lewis F. Root of Westfield had One Hundred and twenty seven votes  
 J. Henry Churchill of Agawam had Sixty one votes

For Representative First Wilson M. Tucker of Monrovia had One hundred and twelve votes  
 Hampshire District Andrew J. Herthrop of Monrovia had Seventy one votes.



Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

Henry Thron, Town Clerk of Brimfield  
 C. M. Gay, " " " Monson  
 F. C. Hinney, " " " Holland  
 Orris P. Royce, " " " Wales

Recorded by Amy Johnson  
Town Clerk

# Warrant for Annual Meeting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co

To either of the Constables of the town of  
Brimfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield, Monday the sixth day of April next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles.

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Second To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year; also, all committees and agents the business of the town may require.
- Third To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the town and act thereon.
- Fourth To raise money for the support of schools for the ensuing year.
- Fifth To raise money for the support of highways, town ways and bridges, and direct how the same shall be expended.
- Sixth To raise money for the payment of town debts, and to defray expenses for the current year.
- Seventh To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen for revising the list of jurors.
- Eighth To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the current year, also to borrow <sup>money</sup> to renew, replace or pay any existing loan, or loans or any part thereof.



- Fifth To see if the town will allow a discount a discount on taxes, if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.
- Tenth To see what disposition the town will make of their dog funds, or act thereon.
- Eleventh To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.
- Twelfth To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of their town officers and agents, or any parts of the same.
- Thirteenth To see if the town will cause to be printed once in five years the valuation list, or act thereon.
- Fourteenth To bring in their votes, Yes, or, No, upon the question. Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?
- Fifteenth To see if the town will make any alterations in the rules and regulations, in relation to the Cemetery.
- Sixteenth To see if the town will make any additions to the Town House for Toilets to the Ante Rooms, to provide a kitchen in the basement, and a well to furnish water, Also to provide suitable means to drain the cellar.
- Seventeenth To see if the town will adopt the provisions of Chap. 36. Sec 29. of the Public Statutes.
- Eighteenth To see if the town will put in a well with a suitable pump at the Cemetery, or act thereon.
- Nineteenth To see if the town will make any change in the vote passed April 1879 in relation to the use of the Town Hall or act thereon.

Twentieth To see if the town will make any change in its vote in relation to having town meetings, as set down

Twenty first To see if the town will revoke the vote of April 2, 1883 accepting the provisions of Sects 69, 70, 71, 72 & 73 of Chap 27 of the Public Statutes in relation to Unwages of the Poor.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also one at the center Post Office in said Brimfield seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting -

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty five

M. H. Baker } Selectmen  
 F. B. Newton } of  
 J. C. Spring } Brimfield

Hampden Co. Brimfield April 6<sup>th</sup> 1885

I have served the within warrant as therein directed

Francis C. Cook

Constable of Brimfield

A true copy of the Warrant  
and Constable's return thereon

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



Annual Town Meeting April 6<sup>th</sup> 1885

The voters of Brimfield met at the Town Hall in Brimfield on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> in response to the foregoing warrant, and were called to order by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk, at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes A. M. after the reading of the warrant the vote was received for Moderator,

Moderator

Whole number of votes Forty nine. And were as follows. For George M. Hitchcock one vote. For Francis J. Lincoln Ten votes. For Samuel W. Brown. Thirty eight votes, and he was declared elected, and accepted the office -

Prayer was offered by Rev Webster H. Pierce

Vote  
Town Clerk

To proceed to the election of Town Clerk - The whole number of votes for Town Clerk was Thirty two, all for Henry F. Brown, and he was declared elected & sworn by the Moderator.

The Moderator stated that it had been usual to elect a Board of three Selectmen, and unless objection was made he would call for the election of Three Selectmen, to be elected one at a time

Selectman

The votes were then received for a Selectman, whole number of votes Seventy four, and were as follows: For Porter A. Parker, Five votes, For Newton S. Hubbard Twenty five votes. For Moses M. Baker, Forty four votes, and he was declared elected and sworn -

Selectman

The votes were then received for another Selectman, whole number of votes, Seventy, and were For Newton S. Hubbard, one vote, For Edward Bliss Six votes, For Porter A. Parker, Eighteen votes, For Frank M. Newton Fifty votes, and he was declared elected & sworn,

The votes were then received for a third Selectman whole number of votes, Seventy two, and were as

as follows; For John C. Spring and Edward Bliss one vote each, For Charles S. Tarbell three votes, For Porter A. Parker, three votes, For Arthur B. Brown Sixty two votes, and he was declared Elected, but declined to accept the office

The votes were then received for an Assessor, whole number of votes, Sixty three, and were for George M. Hitchcock Two votes, For Samuel W. Brown, Sixty one vote and he was declared Elected and sworn

The votes were then received for another Assessor, whole number of votes, Fifty five, and were for Jonathan P. Webber Two votes, For John Chanley, Fifty three votes, and he was declared Elected and sworn

The votes were then received for a Third Assessor, whole number of votes, Seventy four, and were for James Boye Thirty four votes, For Jonathan P. Webber, Forty votes, and he was declared Elected and sworn

The votes were then received for Town Treasurer whole number of votes, Thirty. Henry F. Brown had that number, and was declared Elected

The votes were then received for a School Committee for Three years, whole number of votes Eighty nine, and were for Abner Woodard, Fourteen votes, For Sarah E. Henny, Twenty seven votes, For Newton A. Hubbard, Forty eight votes, and he was declared Elected

The votes were then received for a Selectman to fill the vacancy caused by the declination of Arthur B. Brown, whole number of votes, Sixty four and were for George M. Nephew and W<sup>th</sup> H. Green one vote each, For George Durham and James Boye Three votes each, For Edward Bliss, Fifteen votes, For Charles S. Tarbell, Twenty six votes, For Porter A. Parker Forty five votes, and he was declared Elected, but declined to serve.



Noted To postpone the election of Selectman until  
Afternoon -

Collector of  
Taxes

The votes were then received for Collector of Taxes  
whole number of votes, Twenty two, and were for  
Henry F. Brown one vote, For Jonathan P. Webber  
Twenty one votes, and he was declared elected and  
sworn.

Constable

The votes were then received for Constable, whole  
number of votes, Fifty two, and were for Weston S.  
Bullock, one vote, For Francis C. Cook, Twenty  
five votes, F. Edgar Brown Twenty six votes and  
he was declared elected and sworn -

Constable

The votes were then received for another Constable  
whole number of votes, Thirty, and were for J. P.  
Webber and John F. Bonneau one vote each,  
For Francis C. Cook, Two votes, For Reedham  
Moulton, Twenty six votes, and he was declared  
elected and sworn.

Adjournment

At 12. o. clock 10. minutes. noon it was voted  
to adjourn to meet at One. o. clock 15 minutes  
P. M. of this day, and the meeting was so adjourned.  
At -

One ¼ o. clock P. M. met as per adjournment.

Selectman

The votes  
were then received for a Selectman to fill the  
vacancy caused by the declination of Porter A.  
Parker, whole number of votes Ninety and was  
for Francis C. Cook one vote, For Charles S. Tarbell  
Twenty six votes, For David W. James, Sixty three  
votes, and he was declared, and sworn.

Road  
Commissioner  
For Three years

The votes were then received for Road Commissioner  
for Three years, whole number of votes, Fifty one,  
and were for Francis C. Cook one vote, For Moses  
B. Baker, Fifty votes and he was elected and sworn.

one vote was given for no license, and one for  
number of votes eighty three, and one for  
P. A. Parker one vote, H. C. Cook, twenty  
four votes for George M. Hitchcock  
thirty eight votes, and he was  
declared elected

Voted To take up and act upon Article 21<sup>st</sup> in the Warrant,

Voted To pass over the Article without further action thereon  
viz: (Art 21) Thirty voting in the Affirmative and  
Seventeen voting in the Negative

Voted To proceed to the election of an Overseer of the Poor for  
three years, whole number of votes ninety seven, and  
was for Jonathan P. Welles Twelve votes, For Henry F.  
Brown, Thirty one votes, <sup>For</sup> Francis C. Cook, Fifty four votes,  
and he was declared elected and sworn,

Overseer of Poor  
for 3 years

Voted To take up and act upon Art-14 in the warrant,  
License or  
No. License upon the question Shall Licenses be granted for the  
sale of Intoxicating liquors in this town?  
Eight voted Yes and Seventy four voted No

Field Drivers

The following officers were then elected by nomination  
from the meeting viz: Samuel S. Livermore  
Arthur J. Daniels, George B. Brown, Samuel  
Adams and Harry A. Lombard were elected  
Field Drivers.

Library Director  
for 3 yrs

Louis S. Brown was elected Library  
Director, by nomination by a committee appointed  
for that purpose

Surveyors of Wood  
and Lumber

The following persons were chosen Surveyors of  
Wood and Lumber, viz: John L. Bacon,  
Norman S. Powers, J. Winslow Fosket, Thomas  
J. Morgan

Voted

That a committee of three be appointed to nominate  
three Fence Viewers, and Francis J. Lincoln,  
Orus E. Parker, and Oscar F. Brown were appointed  
said Committee and nominated Newton S.  
Hubbard, Thomas J. Morgan and George M.  
Hitchcock for Fence Viewers and they were  
elected and all sworn -



Noted To accept the Reports of the Town as presented in print by the Auditors

Schools Noted To raise Sixteen Hundred for schools, that Fifteen Hundred dollars of this amount be appropriated for the wages and board of Teachers, for fuel and care of school houses, and that the balance be appropriated for the conveyance of pupils, and other legitimate expenses of schools

Noted To raise and appropriate One hundred dollars for Text Books &c Text Books and school supplies.

Noted On motion of Moses H. Baker to raise and appropriate Fifteen Hundred dollars for repair of highways, and for the repair and purchase of tools. adopted by a vote of 38 in the Aff and Eleven in the negative -

How to be Expended On the question of how the same should be expended it was moved by Edward Bliss that the Road Commissioners to do the work nearest to them, and that which is remote from them they be requested to employ persons living near to where the work is to be done - not carried

Noted On motion of Newton S. Hubbard, that the expenditure of the money raised for the repair of highways be left with the Road Commissioners -

Motion for a Committee on Appropriations While the motion to raise \$1500. for repair of highways &c as above it was moved by Henry T. Brown that the motion then pending and the matter of all other appropriations be referred to a committee to consider and report what amounts should be appropriated therefore, not carried

Amendment, offered, for highways was pending Samuel W. Brown moved to amend by adding, that as follows viz; Two Moses H. Baker Hundred dollars of the above amount to be

for repair of  
Highways

expended on Gardner Hill, and hardening the sand road beyond the Puffer place, and the sand road beyond Benj. B. Fenton's, this amount was withdrawn by the treasurer -

Voted  
When to adjourn

That when this meeting adjourns it be adjourned to meet on Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> 1885 at one o'clock P.M.

Report of F. C.  
Cook on will of  
Harriet Allen

Francis C. Cook, who was chosen at the last Annual Meeting a committee to inquire into the interest of the town in the will of Harriet Allen late of this town, reported that according to the account of John W. Dapen, executor of said will there would be due and awaiting the acceptance of the same under the provisions of the will the sum of \$

Voted  
Report on Harriet  
Allen's will

To accept the legacy, under the will of Harriet Allen, to the town, subject to the conditions of said will.

Voted

That when received, The Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen invest the same.

Voted

Committee on  
Cemetery Rules

That the subject matter of Art 15. viz: "To see if the town will make any alteration in the votes and regulations in relation to the Cemetery, or act thereon", be referred to a committee of Five to consider and report.  
And Henry F. Brown, Francis C. Cook, George M. Hitchcock, Mrs. E. Parker and Oscar F. Brown were appointed said committee.

Voted

Adjournment

To adjourn, in accordance with previous vote, and the meeting was so adjourned.

Adjourned Town Meeting April 13, 1885

The voters of Brimfield met as per adjournment and were called to order at one o'clock and 3 minutes P.M. by Samuel W. Brown, Moderator.

Voted

Under Art 7<sup>th</sup> To accept the list of jurors as reported by the Selectman, viz: James Durbane, John Chaubly, Miles S. Booth, Oscar F. Brown, Edwin A. James -



Frank E. Weston, Minnie M. Berlin, Thomas J. Morgan, Mrs G. Parker, Sanford Booth, Arthur B. Brown, Charles S. Tappan, William H. Hitchcock, Josiah Stebbins, Albert Woodard,

*Authority to borrow money* Voted That the Town Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year, and give the notes of the town therefor.

*Authority to borrow to renew, replace or* Voted That the Town Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money, to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof, and to issue the notes of the town therefor. Passed by a vote of 32 in the Affirmative. Pays none

*Discount, compensation and conditions for collecting Taxes.* Voted That the compensation of the collector of taxes be the same as last year, and that he have the same duties, and be subject to the same conditions, except the change of date if any necessary to apply the same to the current year, see pages 351 and 367

*Dog Fund* Voted Under Art 10<sup>th</sup> That the Dog Fund be appropriated for the purchase of books for the Public Library.

*Authority to collector of Taxes.* Voted That the collector of Taxes, have the same authority for collecting taxes, as Town Treasurers have when appointed collector

*Town Reports* Voted That the Reports of Town Officers be published at the close of the current year and include the following viz List of Town Officers for 1885. Warrant for the next Annual Meeting. Assessors Report. of Aggregate of Assessments for the current year and Property exempt. same as last report. Report of the Selectmen of the expenditures of the town, Collector Report. Report of the Overseers of the Poor, Treasurers Report. Report of Road Commissioners. Report of Town Clubs of Marriages, Births and Deaths.

The above reports to be made by the Boards or Officers above named, and those where money is received or paid, to be examined and

their correctness certified to, by one or more Auditors to be appointed at this meeting

*Auditors* Voted To have two Auditors and that the same be appointed by the Moderator, who appointed James D. Jones & Joseph H. Clark.

Voted On motion of Albert Woodard that the valuation and tax for the current year be printed, with a list of the property exempted from taxation, adopted by a vote of 37 in the Affirmative, and 2 in the Negative -

Voted That the same be printed with the Annual Reports.

*Cemetery*

The committee, to whom was referred Art-15 in the Warrant viz: "To see if the town will make any alterations in the votes and regulations in relation to the Cemetery, or act thereon,

Report that they have attended to the duty assigned them and recommend the following for the consideration and action of the town

First

This Article & the following articles (2) stricken out and others added see Page 226

*Cemetery*

That the town elect, or failing so to do, the Selectmen shall appoint, a committee of two, one to serve for one year, and one to serve for two years, and thereafter at the Annual meeting the town shall elect, or failing so to do, the Selectmen shall appoint, one committee to serve for two years, this committee shall reside at, or near to, the center of the town, and with the Sexton shall constitute and be known as the Cemetery Committee, and shall have the sole charge and management of the Cemetery, and the disposal of the lots therein, subject to such regulations as may be prescribed by the Board of Health under Section 19. of Chap 82. of the Public Statute, and the following rules and regulations -

Second

Hereafter as residents of the town have occasion to bury their dead, or wish to remove their <sup>friends</sup> from the old Burying Ground to inter the same they, subject to the



Cemetery

approval of the Cemetery Committee, shall have the privilege of selecting and taking a Lot in the Cemetery, not previously occupied, and that thereafter the person so selecting and taking a Lot, shall have the exclusive right of burial, and of erecting Tablets or other memorials on said Lot, subject to the rules and regulations of the Cemetery, also of ornamenting the same subject to the approval of the Cemetery Committee.

Third

The Cemetery Committee are authorized to allow a resident of the town who wishes in his life time to select, take, and improve a Lot in the Cemetery by erecting a Monument, or other permanent memorial thereon, the privilege so to do.

Fourth

The Cemetery Committee are authorized to allow a non-resident tax payer, in Brimfield, who has occasion to use a lot for burial, or who wishes to select, take and improve a Lot by erecting a monument or other permanent memorial thereon, the privilege so to do upon such terms as they deem just and equitable.

Fifth

Residents, and non-residents may, subject to the approval of the Cemetery Committee, have the privilege of selecting and taking a Lot upon the payment of not less than Five, nor more than Ten dollars. All lots taken under rules Three, Four and Five, are subject to the same rules and regulations as specified in rules one and two.

Sixth

Families or other persons who wish to unite adjoining Lots may, subject to the approval of the Cemetery Committee, be allowed to do so, provided no main Avenue, or Walk is thereby obstructed.

Seventh

The grass upon the Main Avenue and Walks shall be mown as early and often during each season as is necessary for the proper use of the Cemetery, and the convenience of those who have occasion

to use or visit the same, And the grass upon the whole Cemetery grounds to be cut on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July in each year.

*Cemetery* Eighth The Cemetery Committee shall cause to be prepared a plan of the Cemetery showing the Avenues, Walks, and Lots therein with their numbers therein, the same to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose. The said Committee shall cause a record to be made of the Lots heretofore taken, with their numbers, and the owners thereof, and the same record to be made of Lots hereafter taken.

Ninth All persons who have heretofore taken lots in the Cemetery, and those who hereafter take lots, shall be entitled to receive a certificate showing his or her title thereto, with a copy therein of the Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery in force when the Certificate is granted, upon the payment of Fifty cents therefor. This certificate to be given by the Town Treasurer, and countersigned by the Cemetery Committee or a majority thereof.

Tenth Hereafter no person is to be allowed to set out trees on their Lots in the Cemetery,

Eleventh All Rules and Regulations heretofore adopted for the care and management of the Cemetery, and disposition of Lots therein are hereby rescinded,

*Cemetery* Twelfth That Lots 205 to 210 inclusive, and all that part of the addition to the Cemetery made in the year 1859, lying East of the old Burying ground and North of said lots, except the Main Avenue on the East side and North end of the same, be set apart as a public burial place for the use of the inhabitants free of charge. And the Cemetery committee are to arrange the same in tiers of lots for that purpose.

*Thirteenth*

Owing to the injury done to Tablets and Monuments by trees set on the lots in the



Secretary,

Burial, and the difficulty of digging <sup>account</sup> graves on  
of the same your committee recommend that  
all persons <sup>owning</sup> trees on their lots be requested to  
remove, or allow the same to be removed, and  
that all persons who do not remove their trees be  
required to keep them well trimmed, failing so  
to do after due notice from the Cemetery Committee  
the committee will cause the same to be  
properly trimmed.

Henry F. Bacon

Signed April 19, 1885

For the Committee

Noted To accept, and adopt <sup>digging</sup> the report of the Committee

Noted To choose a Cemetery Committee one to serve  
one year, and one to serve two years -

Noted That the Moderator appoint a committee of three  
to nominate the Cemetery Committee and he  
appointed George Bacon, Henry Newton and Edward W. Potter,  
Secretary, Committee <sup>reported</sup> who the name of Frank B. Newton to serve for one  
year, and the name of Edward W. Potter to serve  
two years, and they were chosen

Noted To postpone indefinitely Article 16 in the Warrant.

Noted Under Art 17. To adopt the provisions of Chap  
36, Sec 29. of the Public Statutes, in relation to  
Impounding cattle &c.

Noted To postpone Art 18. in the warrant indefinitely -

Noted Under Article 19. in the Warrant. That the Selectmen  
be authorized to rent to the Second Congregational  
Society the use of the Town Hall and Selectmen's <sup>Room</sup> for  
\$125. per year with the same rights and privileges  
and subject to the same conditions and limitations  
as heretofore.

Noted That the Selectmen grant the free use of the

Free use of  
Town Hall

Selectmen's Room for Primary meetings for the National, State, County and Town Election. Also the free use of the Hall once a year to each of the political parties for political addresses. Also for funerals and free Lectures on any Scientific, Literary or Moral topic and for Educational and Agricultural meetings, subject to such regulations as they may deem expedient. Whenever (except for funerals) requested in writing by not less than three citizens of the town. And that subject to the care and control of foregoing (and the use of the Library room) the whole matter of the care, use and control of the Town House be left with the Selectmen.

Warning  
Town Meetings

Voted That future meetings of the town be warned by posting an attested copy of the warrant for the same at the Town Hall. also at the center Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post Offices at East and West Brimfield. and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Foshet Mills. seven days at least before the time for holding, said meetings -

Committee on  
Drainage of  
Town Hall.  
Cellar

Voted That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to investigate and report at a future meeting what measures should be adopted to drain, or otherwise free the cellar of the Town House from water - Committee appointed were Ous E. Parker, Moses M. Baker, and Thomas J. Morgan.

Appropriation  
for  
Bridges

Voted To take up and act on Art 5<sup>th</sup>  
  
Voted On motion of Moses M. Baker to raise and appropriate Two Hundred dollars for the repair and support of Bridges, carried by a vote of forty five (45) in the Affirmative and twenty five in the Negative



Noted On motion of Thomas J. Morgan, to raise and appropriate Twelve Hundred dollars for the support of paupers

Noted To raise and appropriate Two Hundred dollars for Snow paths

Noted To raise and appropriate Five Hundred <sup>dollars</sup> for Office salaries,

Noted To raise and appropriate Three Hundred dollars for discount on taxes,

Noted To raise and appropriate, Two Hundred dollars for Town Debt and interest,

Noted To raise and appropriate Six Hundred dollars for Miscellaneous and General expenses

Noted To raise and appropriate, One Hundred dollars for the repair of school houses

Albert Woodard, moved that the town choose a Board of Health, not carried

### Appropriations

For Repair of highways and Tools	1500 00
For Support of Bridges	200 00
For Snow Paths	200 00
For Support of Schools and Text Books	1700 00
For Repair of School-houses	100 00
For Support of Paupers	1200 00
For Officers Salaries	500 00
For Discount on Taxes	300 00
For Town Debt & Interest	200 00
For Miscellaneous & General expenses	600 00
	<u>\$ 6500 00</u>

Noted That the Selectmen be directed, not to issue, nor the Treasurer to pay, any orders in excess of the amount appropriated by the town for the several classes of expenditures at this meeting, except for schools, to which is to be added the amount received from the State, passed by a vote of 24 in affirmation in the negative

Noted That the Selectmen procure and use blank orders prepared to show the class of expenditures for which they are issued -

Noted That the meeting be dissolved, and it was so done

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk

Town Officers for the year 1885-6

Clerk and Treasurer	Road Commissioners, Term ends	Field Drivers
Henry F. Brown	W. Johnson Brown, Apr 1886	Samuel S. Simmons, June
	John C. Spring " 1887	Arthur J. Daniels
Selectmen	Moses H. Baker " 1888	George B. Brown
Moses H. Baker		Samuel Adams, June
Frank B. Newton	School Committee, Term ends	Harry A. Hubbard
David W. Jones	Louis S. Brown, Apr. 1886	
	Thomas J. Morgan, Apr. 1887	Surveyors of Wood & Land
Assessors	Newton S. Hubbard, Apr. 1888	John S. Bacon
Samuel W. Brown		Norman S. Powers
John Chanley	Overseers of Poor, Term ends	D. Winslow Fashet, seven
Jonathan P. Webber	Thomas J. Morgan Apr 1886	Thomas J. Morgan, June
	Porter A. Parker Apr. 1887	
Collector	Francis C. Cook Apr. 1888	Auditors
Jonathan P. Webber		James T. Brown
	Library Directors, Term ends	George M. Hitchcock
Constables	Henry F. Brown April 1886	
F. Edgar Brown	Samuel W. Brown Apr. 1887	Sexton
William Moulton	Louis S. Brown Apr. 1888	George M. Hitchcock
Cemetery Committee	Fence Viewers	Committee on Drainage
George M. Hitchcock, ex. off	Newton S. Hubbard	Orus E. Parker
Frank B. Newton for 1 yr	Thomas J. Morgan	Moses H. Baker
Edward W. Potter for 2 yrs	George M. Hitchcock	Thomas J. Morgan

Recorded by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk



Warrant for Town Meeting October 3, 1885-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Sampson Jr

To F. Edgar Brown Constable  
of the Town of Brimfield,

Meeting

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield Saturday the third day of October next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles:

- First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting
- Second To choose all committees and agents the business of the town may require
- Third To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the town, and act thereon.
- Fourth To see if the town will raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required for Repairs of Highways. Support of Paupers. Salaries of Officers and payment of Miscellaneous expenses
- Fifth To see if the town will raise any money for State Aid under Chap 30. Sec 10 of the Public Statutes
- Sixth To see what disposition the town will make of the amount received from the sale of Town Histories; also of the amounts received for Corporation and Bank taxes for the current year, or act thereon.
- Seventh To see if the town will take any measures

to settle the controversy in relation to the "Center Mills Dam" by the purchase of the mill property or otherwise.

Eighth

To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be required for the above purposes, either in anticipation of taxes for next year, or by a permanent loan -

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also one at the Center Post-Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post-Office at East-Brimfield, one to the Post-Office at West-Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Foster's Mills, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting, hereof fail

not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty third day of Sept- in the year One Thousand Eight hundred and eighty five.

M. M. Baker } Selectmen  
F. M. Newton } Brimfield

Hampden Co

Oct-3, 1885. I have served the within warrant as herein directed

F. Edgar Brown

Constable of Brimfield

Brimfield October 3, 1885. the voters of Brimfield met in accordance with the requirements of the foregoing warrant, called to order and warrant read by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk, who appointed Moses M. Baker and Frank M. Newton, Tellers, who were duly sworn -



Moderator

The votes were then received for a Moderator whole number of votes Fountain, and were for M. H. Baker one vote, for George M. Hitchcock five votes, and for Samuel W. Brown eight votes and he was declared Elected.

The Committee on draining the cellar to the Town Hall made an oral report without definite recommendations, and it was voted to recommit to the same committee for further consideration.

Draining  
Cellar to  
Town Hall

Who afterwards reported recommending the town to put in a line of plank Spiking or Piles, on the West line of the Town House site, and fill the space between that, and the walls of the building, with gravel to prevent the water from going through the cellar walls into the cellar. This report was accepted and adopted by the town, and

Orus E. Parker, Moses H. Baker and Thomas J. Morgan were chosen a committee to carry the same into effect.

Support  
of  
Paupers

Francis E. Cook, one of the Overseers of the Poor presented a statement of the expenditures of that department to date, showing that the appropriation was exhausted, and asked and moved that \$900. be raised and appropriated for support of Paupers in addition to the \$1200. heretofore appropriated for the current year - This motion was not adopted -

Highways

Moses H. Baker chairman of the Road Commissioners, submitted a statement of the expenditures and liabilities in that department, showing an excess of about \$40. over the \$1500. appropriated, he also stated to the town that E. P. Sherman

had offered, if the town would harden the highway where ~~ready~~ in front of his premises to furnish material from his premises, also a man and team to do the work.

*Moved* By Samuel W. Brown. (George M. Hitchcock in the chair) that the vote passed at the last Annual Meeting limiting the order to be given by the Selectmen to the amount appropriated for the several classes of expenditure be ~~revised~~. Objection being made that there was no article in the warrant for that purpose, the motion was withdrawn.

*Moved* By Moses H. Baker, that of the amount appropriated for Bridges \$150 be used to harden the road as proposed by E. J. Sherman, also the road East of Abraham Chubb's dwelling house and the road near Cyprian Lions, ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> carried, 7 voting in the Aff and 13 in the Negation -

*Noted* On motion of Orus E. Parker that Fifty dollars be transferred from the appropriations for Bridges to that for highway, to pay bills already incurred in excess of the amount appropriated.

*Noted* That Two Hundred dollars of the money received for Town Histories sold be appropriated for Miscellaneous Expenses, and the balance \$138. be appropriated for Officers salaries.

*Noted* That the sum of Fifty four dollars be raised and appropriated under Chap 30. Sec 10. of Public Statutes.

*Noted* That the Corporation and Bank Taxes be applied towards the payment of the amounts voted and appropriated this day -

*Noted* On motion of Moses H. Baker that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow such sums of money as may be required.



to carry out the votes passed at this meeting to be paid from the taxes for next year.

Voted To pass over Article 7<sup>th</sup> in the warrant without action on the same.

Voted On motion of Thomas J. Morgan to raise and appropriate Fifty Dollars for the filling &c as previously voted.

Voted On motions of Orus E. Parker to reconsider the vote rejecting the motion offered by Francis E. Cook to appropriate \$900. for Paupers, and the motion offered by Mr Cook was then adopted, and then it was

Voted That this meeting be dissolved -

A true copy of the warrant and record of the proceedings under the same

Recorded by

Henry Brown  
Town Clerk

Warrant for Election November 3, 1885  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Cambridge

To F. Edgar Brown, Constable of the town of  
Brimfield Meeting  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of  
the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections to  
meet at the Town Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday  
the third day of November next at ten o'clock in the  
forenoon, and at half past ten o'clock (at which  
time the Polls will be opened) to bring in their votes  
to the Selectmen.

For Governor, Lieutenant Governor,  
Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver General,  
Auditor, and Attorney General General, for the  
Commonwealth, One Councillor for the Eighth  
Councillor District, Senator for the First Hampden  
District, Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, One  
County Commissioner, and one Representative  
for the First Representative District in Hampden  
in Hampden County -

All on. one Ballot

Also

to bring in their votes concerning the following  
article of Amendment to the Constitution.

Article of Amendment.

The General Court shall have full power and  
authority to provide for the Inhabitants of the  
towns of this Commonwealth more than one  
place of public meeting within the limits of  
each town for the Election of Officers under the  
Constitution, and to prescribe the manner of  
calling, holding, and conducting such meetings.  
All the provisions of the existing <sup>Constitution</sup> inconsistent with  
the provisions herein contained, are hereby annulled.  
The form of said ballots shall be as follows.

Amendment to the Constitution

Res. , or. No.



The Selectmen fix the time for closing the Polls at half Two o'clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, one at the center Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post Office at East and West Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Foshets Mills, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Thou shalt fail not and make due return of warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty first day of October in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and eighty five

M. H. Baker } Selectmen  
 F. B. Newton } of  
 D. W. Jones } Brimfield

Hampden Co. Nov 3. 1885

I have served the within warrant as herein directed

F. Edgar Brown  
 Constable of Brimfield

A true copy of the Warrant and Constables return thereon.

Recorded by  
 Henry J. Thorne  
 Town Clerk

### Election November 3, 1885-

In response to the foregoing warrant the voters of Brimfield assembled at the Town Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday November third, and were called to order by Moses M. Baker, Chairman of the Selectmen, at 10. o. clock and 15 minutes A. M., after the reading of the warrant, the Selectmen appointed Henry F. Brown and Minner Miller, Tellers to aid them in checking the names of voters, and in assorting and counting the votes, said Tellers were duly sworn by Samuel W. Brown, Justice of the Peace, the Ballot-Box was then opened in the presence of the voters and found to be empty, the Register stood at 0,0,0, the box was then closed and locked, and at half past 10. o. clock A. M. the polls were opened for the reception of votes, and were kept open until half past two o. clock P. M. when no motion having been made to extend the time the polls were closed, The Register of the Ballot Box showing that 105 persons had voted, and the count of the names checked on the List of Voters showed that 105 persons had voted and the count of the Ballots in the Ballot<sup>Box</sup> showed 105 votes received, all the above being done in open meeting, as the law directs.

The votes were then sorted, and counted and declaration thereof made in open Town Meeting as follows viz: For Amendment to Constitution Seventy three votes, Yes Against it: Two votes, No

For Governor

George D. Robinson of Chicopee had Sixty seven votes  
Frederick B. Prince of Boston had Thirty three votes  
Thomas J. Lathrop of Taunton had Five votes

For Lieutenant  
Governor

Oliver Ames, of Easton, had Sixty four votes  
Henry M. Gilmore, of Cambridge, had Thirty three votes  
Charles B. Knight, of Worcester, had five votes

For Secretary  
of State

Henry B. Pierce, of Abington, had Sixty eight votes  
Fremiah Crowley, of Lowell, had Thirt two votes  
George Hampton, of Sharon, had Four votes



- For Treasurer     Alanson W. Bond, of Boston, had Sixty nine votes  
 11th     Henry M. Cross, of Newburyport, had Thirty two votes  
 Receiver General     Blasius B. Davis, of Rutich, had Four votes
- For Auditor     Charles R. Ladd, of Springfield, had Sixty nine votes  
                      James C. Delany, of Holyoke, had Thirty two votes  
                      William W. Shuman, of Lowell, Four votes
- For Attorney     Edgar J. Shuman, of Lawrence, had Sixty eight votes  
                      General     Henry E. Bealey, of Fall River, had Thirty two votes  
                      Samuel M. Fairfield, of Malden, had Four votes
- For Councilor     Lewis J. Powers, of Springfield, had Sixty eight votes  
 8<sup>th</sup> District     Oscar Edwards, of Northampton, had Thirty two votes  
                      Eliphaz Trask, of Springfield, had Four votes
- For Senator     Henry M. Phillips of Springfield, had Sixty seven votes  
                      Wilmore B. Stone of Springfield, had Thirty two votes  
                      John Blackmer of Springfield, had Four votes
- For County     Leonard Clark, of Springfield, had Sixty eight votes  
 Commissioner     Ethan C. Robinson of Springfield, had Thirty two votes  
                      Edmund Pratt of Longmeadow, had Four votes
- For County     M. Wells. Bridge, of Springfield had Seventy five votes  
 Treasurer     John J. Leonard, of Springfield had Twenty eight votes  
                      John A. Whittlemore, of Chicopee had Two votes
- For Register     James C. Russell, of Springfield, had One hundred & one votes  
 of Deeds     Elisha M. Cutler, of Wethersham, had Four votes
- For Representative, First     Alvin A. Hubbard, of Wals, had Sixty three votes  
 Hampden District     Gilbert W. Farrington, of Monson, had Thirty seven votes

After making out, signing and sealing up the returns of the votes cast, also sealing up the Ballots cast, and the List of votes used as a check list this day, all in open town meeting, on motion of Elmer W. Gardner it was voted to dissolve the meeting, which was done

Attest: Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Town Clerk of Representative District 2<sup>d</sup> W. in Hampden County, Massachusetts, held at the Electioneer's room in Brimfield on Wednesday the fourth day of November in the year A.D. 1885 at noon for the purpose of examining the returns of votes cast in the several towns in said District for Representative to the General Court.

The whole number of votes returned was Six Hundred and Thirteen and one  
For Alvin A. Hubbard of Wales Three Hundred and sixty  
for votes  
For Gilbert W. Farrington of Monson Two Hundred and forty nine votes -

Alvin A. Hubbard of Wales having a plurality of the votes returned was declared Elected;

Henry J. Brown Town Clerk of Brimfield  
C. M. Sizer " " " Monson  
Ozro P. Boyce " " " Wales  
H. E. Finney " " " Holland

### Votes by Town

	Alvin A. Hubbard	Gilbert W. Farrington
Brimfield	63	37
Monson	205	172
Wales	70	29
Holland	<u>26</u>	<u>11</u>
	364	249

This certifies that I have caused the Ballots cast at the Election held <sup>at Brimfield</sup> November 3, 1885 to be destroyed in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 7. Section 34 of the Public Statutes

Henry J. Brown  
Town Clerk



Warrant for Annual Town Meeting April 5. 1886

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Superior Court

To F. Edgar Brown Constable of Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of town qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield Monday the fifth day of April next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles

- First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting
- Second To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year; also all committees and agents the business of the town may require,
- Third To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the town and act thereon
- Fourth To raise money for the support of schools for the ensuing year,
- Fifth To raise money for the support of highways town ways and bridges, and direct how the same shall be expended -
- Sixth To raise money for the payment of town debts, and defray expenses for the ensuing year,
- Seventh To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen for revising the list of jurors.
- Eighth To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the current year, also to borrow money to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan or loans or any part thereof

- Ninth To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.
- Tenth To see what disposition the town will make of their dog fund, or act thereon.
- Eleventh To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.
- Twelfth To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of their town officers and agents, or any parts of the same.
- Thirteenth To see if the town will make any alteration in the votes and regulations in relation to the Cemetery or act thereon.
- Fourteenth To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for State Aid under Chapter 30, Section 10 of the Public Statutes.
- Fifteenth To see if the town will revoke the vote of April 3, 1882 accepting the provisions of Chap 158 acts of 1871 in relation to Road Commissioners.
- Sixteenth To bring in their votes (Yes or No) upon the question "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall one at the best Post Office and by mailing a copy to the Post Offices at East and West Brimfield and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Foshet's Mills seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield at the time and place of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this eleventh day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty six

Hampden ss April 5, 1886  
I have served the within warrant  
as therein directed

M. H. Baker of Lechster  
F. B. Newton of  
D. W. Jones of Brimfield

F. Edgar Brown, Town Clerk of Brimfield

Recorded by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk



Annual Town Meeting April 5<sup>th</sup> 1886

The voters of Brimfield met at the Town Hall in Brimfield on Monday, April 5, 1886 in accordance with the foregoing warrant, and were called to order by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk at 10 o'clock 12 minutes A.M. after the reading of the aforesaid warrant, the Town Clerk appointed Messrs M. Baker and David W. James, Tellers to aid him in checking the names of voters, and in assorting and counting the votes for Moderator, said Tellers were duly sworn by Henry F. Brown, Justice of the Peace,

Tellers

Moderator

The votes were then received for Moderator whole number of votes Forty one, and were as follows; For Francis D. Lincoln, one vote, for Samuel W. Brown. Forty votes, and he was declared elected, and accepted the office

As there was no Serryman present the usual prayer was omitted -

Tellers

The Moderator appointed Messrs M. Baker, Frank B. Hewton and David W. James. Tellers to assist him in checking the names of voters, and in assorting and counting the votes, said Tellers were duly sworn by the Town Clerk,

Town Clerk

The votes were then received for Town Clerk whole number of votes Eighteen, Henry F. Brown had that number and was declared elected, and sworn by the Moderator -

The Moderator stated that unless otherwise directed by the town he should call for the Election of three Selectmen, to be elected one at a ballot.

Selectmen

The votes were then received for a Selectman whole number of votes Eighty two and were as follows;

For Newton S. Hubbard Thirty eight votes, for Moses M. Baker Forty three votes, and he was declared Elected and sworn —

Selectman

The votes were then received for another Selectman, whole number of votes Sixty, and were as follows; for Newton S. Hubbard one vote, for David W. James, Two votes, for Frank B. Newton Fifty seven votes, and he was declared Elected and sworn,

Selectman

The votes were then received for a third Selectman whole number of votes Eighty one, and were for John Shanley Thirty eight votes, for David W. James Forty three votes and David W. James was declared Elected & sworn —

Assessor,

The votes were then received for an Assessor whole number of votes Fifty nine, as follows For George M. Hitchcock One vote, For Samuel W. Brown Fifty eight votes and he was declared Elected, and sworn

Assessor

The votes were then received for another Assessor whole number of votes Fifty six, John Shanley had that number, and was declared Elected & sworn,

Assessor

The votes were then received for a third Assessor, whole number of votes Eighty two, and were for Jonathan P. Webber. Twenty two votes, for George W. Sherman Sixty votes, and he was declared Elected & sworn,

Town Treasurer,

The votes were then received for Town Treasurer, whole number of votes, Sixty six and were as follows; For Francis D. Moon, One vote, For George M. Hitchcock Thirty — votes, For Henry F. Brown, Thirty five votes, Henry F. Brown was declared Elected

School Committee

for  
Three Years

The votes were then received for School Committee for Three years whole number of votes Eighty three, and were for Albert Woodard Thirty three votes, for Louis S. Brown Fifty votes, and Louis S. Brown was declared Elected,



Collector  
of  
Taxes

The votes were then received for Collector of Taxes whole number of votes Nineteen and were for Sherry Newton one vote, for Samuel W. Brown two votes, for Jonathan P. Webber sixteen votes and he was declared elected & sworn —

Voted

To elect Three Constables

Constable

The votes were received for one Constable whole number of votes Fifty nine and were for F. Edgar Brown two votes, for Francis E. Cook Fifty seven votes and he was declared elected and sworn

Constable

The votes were then received for another Constable whole number of votes Forty five, and were for Jonathan P. Webber one vote, for Frank M. Newton Two votes, for F. Edgar Brown Three votes, for William M. Lundblad Thirty nine votes, and he was declared elected & sworn

Constable

The votes were then received for a 3<sup>d</sup> Constable whole number of votes Thirty seven, for Sherry and Thomas J. Morgan had one vote each, George W. Powers had Thirty five votes and was declared elected & sworn

Voted

To adjourn to meet at 1 1/4 o. clock P. M.

Met as per adjournment

Road  
Commissioners  
for  
Three Years

The votes were then received for a Road Commissioner for Three years, whole number of votes Seventy, and were for William J. Brown Twenty eight votes, for Newton S. Hubbard Forty two votes, and he was declared elected and sworn

The votes were then received for an Overseer of

Treasurer of Poor  
for  
Three Years

Poor for 3 years, whole number of votes Sixty nine, and were for Henry F. Brown Two votes, for Thomas J. Morgan Eighteen votes. For James S. Blair Forty nine votes, and he was declared Elected Town —

Noted  
Library Director  
for  
Three Years

That a committee of three be appointed to nominate a Library Director to serve for three years, and the Moderator appointed Edward W. Potter, Porter A. Parker and Louis S. Brown, as said committee, who reported the name of Henry F. Brown who was Elected,

Noted

Fence Viewers

That a committee of three be appointed to nominate three Fence Viewers, and Henry Newton, George M. Hitchcock and Joseph P. Brown were appointed by the Moderator for that purpose, and they reported the names of Samuel W. Brown, Edwin B. Webber, and Edwin A. Jones, and they were chosen Fence Viewers and sworn —

Bemetry Committee

Frank H. Newton was chosen Bemetry Committee for two years —

Surveyors of Wood  
and  
Lumber

The following persons were Elected Surveyors of Wood and Lumber, viz;

D. Winslow Fosket, sworn Amos Munroe, sworn  
Thomas J. Morgan, sworn Norman S. Powers,

Field Drivers

The following persons were chosen Field Drivers viz;

William H. Howard, Excused. Byron W. Charles  
John Shanley Harry A. Lumbard, sworn  
George W. Sherman, sworn William S. Jones, sworn  
William H. Green

Report of  
Selectmen on  
voting for  
Town Officers

Under Article Third The Selectmen submitted a report, "That the votes for the various Town Officers, <sup>hereafter</sup> brought in, all on one ballot, except for Moderator and Town Clerk" Report adopted by a vote of 51 Yeas vs 20 Nays —



Voted Compensation and Duties of Collector That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be the same as last year, that he have the same duties, and be subject to the same conditions as the collector for last year. See pages 357, 367 & 384

Voted Under Art 10, That the Dog Fund be appropriated for the purchase of Books for the Public Library -

Voted Under Article 11<sup>th</sup> That the Collector of Taxes, have the same authority for collecting Taxes, that Town Treasurers have when appointed Collectors.

Voted That the Reports of Town Officers be published at the close of the current year, and include the same as last year, except valuation and Tax -

Voted To accept the several Reports of Town Officers as printed and Submitted to the Town.

Voted To accept the Report of the Selectmen Revising the list of jurors as follows viz;

James Dunham.	Horace E. James.	Thomas J. Morgan
Miles S. Booth	Porter A. Parker.	W <sup>m</sup> H. Hitchcock
Orus E. Parker	James T. Brown.	George W. Sherman
Charles S. Tarbell	John Shanly	Minor Miller
Josiah Stebbins	Sanford Booth	James Hayes
Ermy Livermore		

Voted To take up and <sup>act</sup> on Article, Sixteen in the Warrant.

License The votes were then received upon the Question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"  
Whole number of votes Forty seven and one  
Yes, Five - No Forty two

Voted That when this meeting adjourns it be adjourned to meet on Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> at one o'clock P. M.

Voted To take up and act on the Fifteenth Article in the Warrant.

Voted On motion of Henry Newton that the article be postponed indefinitely, viz Art. 15<sup>th</sup>

Voted That the meeting now adjourn and it was so done.

Adjourned Meeting April 12<sup>th</sup> 1886.  
The votes of Brimfield met as per adjournment

Voted To act on the 8<sup>th</sup> Article in the Warrant

Voted That the Town Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year, and give the notes of the town therefor -

Voted That the Town Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money, to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans or any part thereof and issue the notes of the Town therefor. Passed by a vote of Eight in the Affirmative, Nay none

Moved To take up and act upon Articles 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> together. No. Vote

Voted On motion of Moses M. Baker that the salaries, or pay for services of School Committee, Overseers of Poor, and Road Commissioners be changed to the Appropriations, of which they respectively have charge.

Moved To take up the money Articles in the Warrant and act upon them in their order. No. Vote

Moved To adjourn, but this motion was not adopted -



Voted To act on the Thirteenth Article in the Warrant

Voted On motion of Henry F. Thoreau to strike out from the Rules and Regulations for the Cemetery as adopted at the last Annual Meeting of <sup>the town</sup> held by adjournment on Monday April 13. 1885 The First and Second Articles or Rules as then adopted and instead thereof Insert the following viz:

First That the town elect, or failing so to do, the Selectmen shall appoint a committee of two, one to serve for one year, and one to serve for two years, and thereafter at the Annual Meeting the town shall elect or failing so to do, the Selectmen shall appoint one Committee to serve for two years. This Committee shall reside at, or near to the Center of the town, and with the Sexton shall constitute and be known as the Cemetery Committee. Vacancies in the said Committee shall be filled by the Selectmen, and a person appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold his office until another is chosen at the next Annual Meeting of the town, or appointed by the Selectmen in case the town fail to elect -

The Cemetery Committee shall have the sole charge and management of the Cemetery, and the disposal of the Lots therein, subject to such regulations as may be prescribed by the Board of Health under Sec 19, Chap 82 of the Public Statute, and the following Rules and Regulations, and also of such Rules & Regulations as may be hereafter adopted by the town concerning the Cemetery.

They shall keep a record of all burials made in the Cemetery during each year, the name and age of the person, date of death, and burial, also place of burial sufficiently definite to identify the same.

Second Hereafter as residents of the town have occasion to bury their dead, or wish to remove their friends from the "Old Burying Ground" to re-inter the same, they, subject to the approval of the Cemetery Committee shall have the privilege of selecting and taking a Lot in the Cemetery, not previously occupied, and thenceforth the person so selecting and taking a Lot shall have the exclusive right of burial, <sup>in</sup> and of erecting Tablets, or other memorials on said Lot, subject to the approval of the Cemetery Committee. It being intended and understood that the fee in the land shall be, and remain in the Inhabitants of the Town of Brimfield and their successors forever. To have and to hold said rights to the person so selecting a Lot, and to his heirs, subject however to such Rules and Regulations as have been, or hereafter may be adopted by the town in relation to the Cemetery.

Ordered On motion of Henry F. Brown to add to the Rules and Regulations the following viz:

Fourteenth If any trees or shrubs situated in any Lot shall by means of their roots, branches, or otherwise become detrimental to the adjacent avenues, Lots or spaces, or dangerous or inconvenient, the Cemetery Committee shall have the right to enter upon said Lot and remove the said trees and shrubs or such parts thereof as are detrimental, dangerous or inconvenient.

Moved By Frank B. Newton to strike out the Ninth Rule in the Cemetery Rules & Regulations, but the motion was not adopted.

Moved By Frank B. Newton that Mrs Lydia O. Ferry be allowed to select a Lot in the Cemetery and remove the remains of her late husband from Lot 11<sup>th</sup> to the same, not carried.



Moved By Henry F. Brown that the town raise the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred and sixty three dollars by Tax and that the same be appropriated as follows viz;

For Repairs of highways and highway tools	1200 00
" Support of Bridges	300 00
" Snow Paths	200 00
" Wages & Board of Teachers, Fuel and care of houses	1400 00
" Repair of School houses	100 00
" Conveyance of pupils, Text-Books & supplies for schools	150 00
" Support of Paupers	1500 00
" Salaries of Officers	600 00
" Discount on Taxes	300 00
" State Aid under Chap 30, Sec 10, the amount due from the State for same and	48 00
" Interest on Town Debt	165 00
" Miscellaneous Expenses	600 00
	<u>\$ 6563 00</u>

The foregoing was adopted by the town, then by item, and then referred to a committee to report such changes as are needed to conform to the vote passed on motion of Moses M. Baker in relation to salaries of certain officers, who reported the same as follows viz;

For Repair of highways and highway tools	1200 00
" Support of Bridges	300 00
" Snow Paths	200 00
" Wages & board of Teachers, fuel & care of school houses	1400 00
" Conveyance of pupils, Text books and school supplies	150 00
" Salaries of School Committee	100 00
" Repair of school-houses	100 00
" Support of Paupers, and Salaries of Overseers	1575 00
" Salaries of Officers	425 00
" Discount on Taxes	300 00
" State Aid under Chap 30, Sec 10, the amount due from the State for same and	48 00
" Interest on Town debt	165 00
" Miscellaneous expenses	600 00
	<u>\$ 6563 00</u>

- Voted To accept and adopt the report of the Committee as the appropriation of the town for the current year for the purposes therein named -
- Voted That the Corporation and Bank taxes when received be appropriated for, and applied towards the payment of the town debt -
- Voted That of the money appropriated for the Repair of Highways two thirds of the same be expended by the Road Commissioners on or before the first day of July next, and not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) on or before the first day of September next, and after that date they make only such repairs as are necessary for the safety of the traveller -
- Voted That so much of the appropriation for Support of Bridges as is not required for that purpose may be used for the repair of highways -
- Voted That so much of the Cash in the hands of the Treasurer as may be required therefor, be appropriated for the payment of the outstanding bills for last year, and the same not to be charged against the appropriation for the current year -
- Voted That the Selectmen be directed not to issue, nor the Treasurer to pay any orders for bills of the current year in excess of the amount appropriated by the town for the several classes of expenditure at this meeting, except for schools, to which is to be added the Income received from the School Fund.
- Voted On motion of Moses W. Baker, that the town pay the Town Clerk a salary of Twenty dollars in addition to the fee of his office, and pay the Town Treasurer a salary of Thirty dollars - cash per year for his services,



Noted That an Auditing Committee of three be appointed to audit the accounts, and settle with Treasurer, Overseers of Poor, and other financial accounts of the town, prepare <sup>a report of</sup> the same for publication, also prepare and print with the reports an estimate for the tax for 1887, with items of the same - The Moderator appointed James, T. Brown, George M. Hitchcock and Measer M. Baker as the Auditing Committee -

Report of School Committee  
on  
J. P. Webber's  
Matter

Newton S. Hubbard, Chairman of the School Committee, reported to the town that Jonathan P. Webber had represented to the Committee that in consequence of removal of gravel from School house Lot No 1. the bank against and in his land had caved off taking a portion of the fence away and asked that the town take action in the matter.

Noted That the matter be referred to the Selectmen to take such action as they find to be necessary, and proper.

Report of Selectmen  
on  
Lower Common

The Selectmen reported to the town that Henry Newton, had offered to take and care for the "Lower Common" he to have the grass, but not to clean the walks, if he could have the use of it for a 3 years term.

Moved That the Selectmen be authorized to grant the use of the Common to Mr Newton on his offer.

not carried

Noted That the meeting be dissolved and it was so done.

Recorded by  
Henry T. Brown  
Town Clerk

# Town Officers for the year 1886-7

Clark & Treasurer		Board Commissioners, Term Ends		Surveyors of Wood & Lumber	
Henry F. Brown	John C. Spring	Apr 1887		D. Winslow Foster	
	Moses H. Baker	" 1888		Thomas J. Morgan	
Schoolmen	Newton S. Hubbard	" 1889		Amos Mumoc	
Moses H. Baker					
Frank B. Newton	School Committee, Term Ends		Library Directors, Term Ends		
David W. Jones	Thomas J. Morgan	Apr 1887	Samuel W. Brown	Apr 1887	
	Newton S. Hubbard	" 1888	Louis S. Brown	" "	
Ammors	Louis S. Brown	" 1889	Henry F. Brown	" 1889	
Samuel W. Brown					
John Shanly	Overseers of Poor, Term Ends		Cemetery Committee, Term Ends		
George W. Shuman	Porter A. Parker	Apr 1887	George M. Hitchcock	Ex officio	
	Francis E. Cook	" 1888	Edward W. Potter	Apr 1887	
Collector	James S. Blair	" 1889	Frank B. Newton	" 1888	
Jonathan P. Webster					
Fence Viewers			Field Drivers		
Constables	Samuel W. Brown		John Shanly		
Francis E. Cook	Edwin B. Webber		George W. Shuman, sworn		
W <sup>m</sup> H. Lumbard	Edwin A. James		Byron W. Charles		
George W. Powers			Harry A. Lumbard, sworn		
Sexton			William S. James, sworn		
	George M. Hitchcock		William B. Green		

Recorded by *Henry F. Brown*  
Town Clerk

\* Resigns Oct 9, 1886 and Nov 2, 1886 Sanford Booth was elected to fill the vacancy -



Warrant for Town Meeting, October 30, 1886

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co

To Francis E. Cook, Constable of the  
town of Brimfield

Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth you are  
hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants  
of said town qualified to vote in town affairs,  
to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield  
Saturday the thirtieth day of October at one o.  
clock P. M. to act on the following articles -

- First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting -
- Second To choose one Overseer of Poor to fill the vacancy  
caused by the resignation of James S. Blair.
- Third To see if the town will appropriate money for  
the repair of School houses
- Fourth To see what action the town will take on the  
petition of O. C. Switzer and others for the relocation  
and repair of the road from the Iron Bridge over  
Quaboag River in Monson. to Water line by the  
Hollow road so called -
- Fifth To choose all necessary committees and agents  
the business of the town may require.

And you are directed to  
serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of  
the same at the Town Hall, one at the center  
Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the post  
offices at East and West Brimfield, and by  
mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Foster's  
Hills seven days at least before the time of  
holding said meeting -

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doing, theron to the Town Clerk of Brimfield, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands this Eighteenth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty six

M. M. Baker	} Selectmen of Brimfield
F. B. Newton	
D. W. James	

Shampron Jr Brimfield October 30, 1886  
I have served the within warrant as therein directed

Francis E. Cook  
Constable of Brimfield

Brimfield October 30, 1886. The voters of Brimfield met at the Town Hall in response to the foregoing, called to order by Henry F. Brown after the reading by him to the meeting of the warrant, the votes were received for a moderator whole number of votes Six, and were for Henry F. Brown one vote, for Samuel W. Brown Five votes and he was declared Elected.

Moved By Oscar F. Brown, that the meeting be adjourned to meet on Tuesday November 2 1886 at one o'clock P. M. adopted by a vote of sixteen in the affirmative to nine in the negative, And the meeting was so adjourned—

Tuesday November 2, 1886  
The voters of Brimfield met as per adjournment and were called to order by Samuel W. Brown Moderator, who informed the meeting that on account of political obligations and duties he could not longer serve them as Moderator, and resigned the office.



The votes were then received for a Moderator to fill the vacancy—

Whole number of votes Eighteen, all for Oscar F. Brown, and he was declared elected.

The Moderator appointed Francis E. Cook and D. Winslow Fosket, Tellers to assist him in checking the names of voters, and in sorting and counting votes. D. Winslow Fosket, declining to serve, Edward M. Morgan, was appointed in his stead. Francis E. Cook and Edward M. Morgan were duly sworn as Tellers by the Town Clerk—

Appropriation  
for  
Schoolhouse  
Repairs.

Action was then taken on the Third Article in warrant and it was voted to appropriate One Hundred and fifty dollars for the repair of schoolhouses, in addition to the amount appropriated at the Annual meeting.

Overseer  
of  
Poor

The votes were then received for an Overseer of Poor, under the Second article, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James S. Blair for the unexpired of his service—

Whole number of votes Fifty eight—and were as follows: for James Hays one vote, for George M. Whitcomb, Two votes, for Henry F. Brown Twelve votes, for S. Booth Four votes, for Sanford Booth, Thirty nine votes, and Sanford Booth was declared elected, and sworn by the Town Clerk.

Voted

Under Article Fifth, that a committee of three be chosen to act with the Road Commissioners before the County Commissioners on the petition of O. C. Switzer and others

Voted

That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to nominate the aforesaid committee—and he appointed, Frank M. Newton, Newton S. Hubbard and George Bacon who reported

the names of Henry F. Brown, Amos Munroe and J. Winslow Fosket and they were chosen for the aforesaid Committee

Noted

That the Overseers of Poor be requested to investigate the cases of our Insane Poor and ascertain if they can be properly cared for at our Alms house, and if they find it expedient so to do they are authorised to remove the same from the Hospital to the Alms house

The meeting then dissolved

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

Warrant for Election November 2, 1886  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co

To Francis E. Cook, Constable of  
the town of Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday the second day of November next, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, and at half past Ten o'clock (at which time the polls will be opened) to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for

One Representative to Congress for the Tenth Congressional District, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, One Councillor for the Eighth Councillor District, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor and Attorney General for the Commonwealth, Senator for the First Hampden District, District Attorney, Three Commissioners of Insolvency, One County Commissioner, Two Special Commissioners, Clerk of the Courts, Sheriff for Hampden County, and



one Representative to the General Court for the Tenth Hampden District.

All on one ballot  
The Selectmen fix the time for closing the polls at half past two o'clock P.M. -

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof One at the Town Hall, one at the center Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post Offices at East and West Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Fosbets Mills seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this Eighteenth day of October in the year One Thousand Eight hundred and eighty six -

Moses H. Baker	} Selectmen of Brimfield
Frank R. Newton	
David W. James	

Hampden Co

Brimfield November 2, 1886

I have served the within Warrant as therein directed

Francis E. Cook

Constable of

Brimfield

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown

Town Clerk

## Election November 2, 1886

In response to the foregoing warrant the voters of Springfield met at the Town Hall in Springfield on Tuesday November 2, 1886, and were called to order by Moses B. Baker chairman of the Selectmen, at ten o'clock and fifteen minutes A. M., after the reading of the warrant the Selectmen appointed Henry F. Brown and Henry Newton, Tellers to assist them in checking the names of voters, and to assist them in sorting and counting the votes cast, and the Tellers so appointed were sworn by Samuel W. Brown, Justice of the Peace. The Ballot Box was then opened and found to be empty. The Register stood at 000. The Ballot Box was then closed and locked, and at 10½ o'clock A. M. the polls were opened for the reception of votes, and remained open until 2½ o'clock P. M. — when no motion having been made to extend the time the polls were closed. The Register of the Ballot Box showing that 149 persons had voted, and a count of the names checked on the list of voters showed that 149 persons had voted, and the count of the ballots in the Ballot Box showed 149 Ballots received, all the above being done in open meeting as the Law directs.

The votes were then sorted and counted, and declaration thereof made in open meeting and was as follows viz;

For Governor Oliver Ames, of Easton, had Sixty nine votes  
John F. Andrew, of Boston, had Fifty one votes  
Thomas J. Lothrop, of Taunton, had Twenty eight votes,

For Lieutenant Governor John D. A. Brackett, of Boston, had Twenty two votes  
Frank H. Foster, of Haverhill, had Forty five votes  
John Blackmore of Springfield had, Thirty one votes

For Secretary of State Henry B. Pierce, of Abington, had Twenty seven votes  
John B. Thayer, of Worcester, had Forty four votes  
George Hempton, of Sharon, had Twenty eight votes



For Treasurer  
 & General  
 Clarkson W. Beard, of Boston had Seventy seven votes  
 Lewis Warner, of Northampton had Forty four votes  
 John L. Hibdon, of Lee had, Twenty eight votes

For Auditor  
 Charles B. Ladd, of Springfield, had Seventy seven votes  
 William F. Cook, of Springfield, had Forty four votes  
 William W. Shuman, of Lowell, had Twenty eight votes

For Attorney  
 General  
 Edgar J. Shuman, of Lawrence, had Seventy seven votes  
 John W. Gorcoran of Clinton, had Forty four votes  
 Samuel H. Fairfield, of Malden, had Twenty eight votes

For Councillor  
 Eighth District  
 Lewis J. Powers, of Springfield had Seventy seven votes  
 Lawson Sibley, of Springfield, had, Forty four votes  
 William H. Eaton, of Westfield, had, Twenty eight votes

For District Attorney  
 Western District  
 Andrew J. Waterman of Pittsfield had Seventy nine votes  
 Charles E. Hibbard of Lee had Forty two votes  
 Enoch M. Beer of North Adams had Twenty eight votes

For Representative to  
 Congress 10<sup>th</sup> District  
 William W. Rice, of Worcester had Seventy votes  
 John E. Russell of Leicester, had Forty eight votes  
 William B. Earle of Worcester had Thirty votes

For County  
 Commissioners  
 William B. Sessions of Hampden had Seventy nine votes  
 Amel F. Wilder of Chicopee had Forty one votes  
 Edmund Pratt of Longmeadow had Twenty nine votes

For Special  
 Commissioners  
 John B. Wood, of Chicopee had Seventy seven votes  
 Benjamin F. Burr of Ludlow had Seventy seven votes  
 Russell M. Ewing of Agawam had Twenty eight votes  
 Hubbard Lawrence of Palmer had Twenty eight votes  
 John Boyle of Southwick had Forty four votes  
 Walter M. Gunn of Wilkesham, had Forty four votes

For Clerk of  
 the Courts  
 Robert O. Morris, of Springfield had One hundred  
 and twenty one votes -  
 James L. Bowen of Springfield had Twenty eight votes

For Sheriff William Sanderson of Springfield had Seventy eight votes  
 Simon Brooks of Holyoke had Forty one votes  
 Charles M. Annable of Springfield had Twenty eight votes

For Commissioners Henry C. Bliss of Springfield had Seventy seven votes  
 of Insolvency Joseph M. Brew of Holyoke had Seventy seven votes  
 Willis S. Kellogg of Westfield had Seventy seven votes  
 Fred M. Stibbins of Springfield had Forty four votes  
 James Tierney of Holyoke had Forty four votes  
 Cornelius J. Driscoll of Chicopee had Forty four votes  
 Thomas W. Hennepin of Palmer had Five votes  
 Andrew Campbell of Westfield had Twenty eight votes  
 John B. Whittmore of Chicopee had Twenty eight votes  
 Francis M. Norton of Chicopee had Twenty eight votes

For Senator First Henry M. Phillips of Springfield <sup>had</sup> Seventy seven votes  
 Hampden District Patrick M. Garry of Springfield <sup>had</sup> Forty four votes  
 Eliphahet Trask of Springfield <sup>had</sup> Twenty eight votes

For Representative Stephen S. Taft of Palmer <sup>had</sup> Sixty six votes  
 10<sup>th</sup> Hampden District Ebenezer Brown of Palmer had Thirty eight votes  
 David Milliken of Palmer had Forty five votes

After making out, signing, and sealing up the returns  
 of the votes cast, also sealing up the ballots cast, and the  
 list of votes used as a check list this day, all in open  
 meeting, then, on motion of Samuel W. Brown  
 it was

Ordered To dissolve the meeting, which was done

Recorded by

Henry J. Brown  
 Town Clerk

This certifies that I have caused the Ballots  
 cast at the Election held <sup>at Springfield</sup> November 2, 1886  
 to be destroyed in accordance with the provisions  
 of Chapter 7, Section 34 of the Public Statutes

Henry J. Brown  
 Town Clerk



# Town Clerk Meeting,

This certifies that at a meeting of the Town Clerk of Representative District - 16<sup>th</sup> 10 in Hampden County Massachusetts, held at the Selectmen's room in Palmer on Friday the twelfth day of November A.D. 1886 at Noon for the purpose of examining and comparing the returns of votes cast in the several towns in said District for Representatives to the General Court, and ascertain what persons had been elected

The whole number of votes returned was Nine Hundred and ninety four and were

For Stephen S. Taft of Palmer, Four Hundred & fifty four

For Ebenzer Brown of Palmer, Three Hundred & thirty one

For David Milliken of Palmer, Two Hundred & three

For Andrew J. Parker of Palmer, One

Blank

Four

Stephen S. Taft of Palmer having a plurality of the votes was declared elected.

Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk of Brimfield

F. B. Hinney, Town Clerk of Holland

W. D. Fuller, Town Clerk of Ludlow

W. B. Shaw, Town Clerk of Palmer

## Vote by Towns

	For Stephen S. Taft of Palmer	For Ebenzer Brown of Palmer	For David Milliken of Palmer	For Andrew J. Parker of Palmer	Total votes	Blanks
Brimfield	66	38	45		149	
Holland	26	5	4		35	
Ludlow	108	27	38		173	1
Palmer	254	261	116	1	632	4
	454	331	203	1	989	+ 5 = 994

Recorded by  
Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

# Warrant for Election December 28<sup>th</sup> 1886

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co

To Francis E. Cook Constable of the town of Brimfield  
Shewing

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday the Twenty eighth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty six at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and at half past ten o'clock (at which time the polls will be <sup>opened</sup>) to give in their votes for a Special Commissioner to fill said office until a successor is elected and qualified -

The Selectmen fix the time for closing the polls at half past two o'clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at the Town Hall, one at the center Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post Offices at East and West Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Foshets Mills seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

And of fait not and make due return of this warrant with your doings, thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighty six

M. H. Baker } Selectmen  
F. B. Newton } of  
D. W. James } Brimfield

Brimfield Dec 28. 1886

I have served the within warrant as therein directed, Francis E. Cook, Constable of Brimfield  
Recorded by Henry H. Brown, Town Clerk



Election December 28, 1886, for Special  
Commissioner

The meeting was called to order at  
at 10 o'clock and 20 minutes A. M. by Moses H.  
Baker, chairman of the Selectmen, after the  
reading of the warrant, the Selectmen appointed  
Henry H. Brown and Elmer W. Gardner, to assist  
them as Tellers in receiving, sorting and counting  
the votes, and they were sworn by Samuel W. Brown  
Justice of the Peace. The Ballot Box was then opened  
and found to be empty, the Register stood at 000  
the ballot box was then closed and locked, and  
at 10½ o'clock A. M. the polls were opened for  
for the reception of votes, and remained open  
until 2½ o'clock P. M. when no motion having  
been made to extend the time, the polls were closed.  
The Register of Ballot Box indicating that 27 votes  
had been cast, and a count of the names  
checked on the list of voters showed that 27 persons  
had voted, and a count of the ballots in the  
Ballot Box showed 28 ballots, one of the ballots  
found in the box not being cancelled it was  
not counted.

The ballots were then sorted and  
counted, and declaration thereof made in open  
meeting and was as follows viz:

For Special  
Commissioner

Harvey D. Bagg of West Springfield had Twenty two votes  
John B. Boyle of Southwick had Five votes.

After making out, signing and sealing up the  
returns of the votes cast, also sealing up the Ballots  
cast, and the list of voters used as a check list  
this day, all in open meeting, then on motion of  
Samuel W. Brown it was voted to dissolve  
the meeting, which was done

Recorded by  
Henry H. Brown  
Town Clerk

This certifies that I have counted the Ballots cast at the  
Election held at Springfield December 28, 1886 to be destroyed  
in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7, Section 34 of the  
Public Statutes  
Henry H. Brown, Town Clerk

Warrant for Annual Meeting April 4<sup>th</sup> 1887

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
To Francis C. Cook, Constable of Brimfield.

Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield, Monday the fourth day of April next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles -

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting -

Second To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Third To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year: also all committees and agents the business of the town may require. By vote of the town all officers required by law to be chosen by ballot. (Except Moderator and Town Clerk) must <sup>be</sup> all on one ballot.

The Polls will be opened at half past ten o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 2 o'clock P. M.

Fourth To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the town, and act thereon.

Fifth To raise money for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

Sixth To raise money for the support of highways, town ways and bridges, and direct how the same shall be expended -

Seventh To raise money for the payment of town debts, and to defray the expenses for the ensuing year -

Eighth To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen



- Ninth To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the current year, also to borrow money to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan, or loans or any part thereof
- Tenth To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods, or act thereon,
- Eleventh To see what disposition the town will make of their Dog Fund, or act thereon,
- Twelfth To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector,
- Thirteenth To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of their town officers, or any part of the same,
- Fourteenth To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for State Aid -
- Fifteenth To see what action the town will take in regard to Specific Repairs, ordered by County Commissioners on petition of O. C. Switzer and others -
- Sixteenth To see what action the town will take on the report of the Overseers of Poor in regard - to Mrs Augusta Calhoun's case
- Seventeenth To bring in their votes (Yes, or No) upon the question, "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this town?"

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, one at the center Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post Offices at East and West Brimfield, and by or otherwise sending a copy to Foshets Mills seven day at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with  
your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield  
at the time and place of meeting aforesaid -

Given under our hands  
this fifteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred  
and eighty seven

M. M. Baker } Selectmen  
F. B. Newton } of  
D. W. James } Brimfield  
Chambers

Brimfield April 4<sup>th</sup> 1887

I have served the within warrant as therein  
directed

F. E. Cook, Constable of Brimfield  
Recorded by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting April 4<sup>th</sup> 1887

The voters of Brimfield met at the Town Hall in  
Brimfield on Monday April 4, 1887 and were  
called to order by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk at  
10 o'clock and 20 minutes A.M. after the reading  
of the aforesaid warrant, the Town Clerk appointed  
Moses M. Baker, Frank B. Newton and David W. James  
Tellers to assist him in checking the names of voters,  
and in sorting and counting the votes for Moderator -  
said Tellers were duly sworn by Henry F. Brown  
Justice of the Peace. And at 10 1/2 o'clock A.M.  
the Polls were opened. The votes were then received for  
Moderator, whole number of votes Forty one,  
Oscar F. Brown, had that number and was  
declared Elected, and accepted the office.

Prayer by Rev Joseph Hyatt

The Moderator appointed, Moses M. Baker, Frank B.  
Newton and David W. James, Tellers to aid him in  
checking the names of voters and in sorting and counting  
votes, said Tellers, were sworn by Henry F. Brown, Justice of  
the Peace



Voted On motion of Samuel W. Brown that the vote on the question, "Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?" be taken at the same time, in a separate box as the vote for Town Officers to be elected by ballot

Voted To choose three Constables

Voted To choose three Selectmen, and three Assessors

The votes were then received for Town Clerk, whole number of votes <sup>62</sup> and were for Charles A. Norman, one vote, for George M. Hitchcock, five votes, and for Henry F. Brown Fifty six votes, and he was declared elected and sworn by the Moderator.

The votes were then received for all officers by law required ~~to~~ to be chosen by ballot, also at the same time the votes on the question of License in a separate box =

While the votes were being received it was Voted to take up and act on the Eighth Article

Voted To accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen

Voted To take up and act on the 9<sup>th</sup> Article

Voted That the Town Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year, and give the notes of the town therefor

Voted To act on the 10<sup>th</sup> Article

Moved By Francis J. Lincoln that the compensation of the Collector of taxes be the same as last year that he have the same duties and be

be subject to the same conditions as the collector for last year,

Moved By Samuel W. Brown to amend as follows, "All taxes shall be due on Sept-1<sup>st</sup> following, its assessment, and on all taxes not paid by that date, interest shall be charged at the rate of six per cent per annum -

By consent the original motion and amendment were withdrawn, when it was moved

Moved By Francis D. Lincoln that on all taxes paid on or before August-25<sup>th</sup> a discount of 5 per cent be allowed, and on all paid after August-25<sup>th</sup> and before Jan-1<sup>st</sup> next a discount of 3 per cent be allowed, and that on all taxes unpaid at that date, interest be charged at 5 per cent until paid - the motion was not carried, Thirteen voting in the affirmative, and Thirty two in the negative -

Voted That all further business, except voting for town officers, and on the question of licenses be postponed for one hour viz; to one o'clock and 20 minutes P. M.

At one o'clock and 20 minutes

P. M.

Voted To act on the Eleventh Article -

Voted That the Dog Fund be appropriated for the purchase of books for the Public Library,

Voted To act on the 12<sup>th</sup> Article, and that the collector of taxes be authorized to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector -

Voted To act on the 13<sup>th</sup> Article, and that the Reports of the Officers be published at the close of the year and include the same as those for the past year



Action upon the 10<sup>th</sup> article was resumed  
and

Moved by Samuel W. Brown that no discount  
be allowed on the taxes for the current year  
not carried

Voted

That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes  
be the same as last year, that he have the same  
duties, and be subject to the same conditions  
as the Collector for last year. See pages, 357, 367, 384 & 408

Voted

That a committee of three be appointed to nominate  
three Fence Viewers and Samuel W. Brown, George  
Bacon and Edwin A. Jones were appointed,  
and reported the names of Newton S. Hubbard,  
Josiah Stibbins and William M. Shaw and  
they were chosen &

Voted

That the Polls for the Election of Officers and  
on the question of Licenses be closed at  
2½ o'clock P. M.

Voted

On motion of Samuel W. Brown that a  
committee of three be appointed to nominate  
a Library Director for three years and Samuel  
W. Brown,  
were appointed and reported the name of  
Charles A. Horner and he was chosen  
Library Director for 3 years

Voted

To choose three Surveyors of Wood & Lumber  
and D. Winslow Fosket, Thomas J. Morgan  
and Arthur J. Daniels were chosen and

Cemetery Committee  
Two <sup>4</sup>/<sub>th</sub> years

Edward W. Potter was chosen Cemetery  
Committee for Two years

Voted

To pass over the choosing a Sexton

Voted on motion of Henry J. Brown that the discount on taxes  
be the same as last year, see pages 357, 367, 384, and 408, 3rd & 4th Reg.

Voted To choose Six Field Drivers, and Moses H. Baker,  
George W. Sherman, William M. Lumbard, Nathan M. Goodale,  
Joseph M. Allen, and Frank W. Shepard were chosen

At half past two o'clock the Polls for choice of Town  
Officers and for vote on the License question were  
closed.

The votes were sorted and counted and declaration  
thereof made in open town meeting as follows viz;

For Selectmen Moses H. Baker had Forty one votes  
Frank B. Newton had One Hundred and forty votes  
Charles A. Homer had Fifty one votes  
David W. James had Twenty two votes  
Porter A. Parker had Twenty one votes  
Oscar F. Brown had Twenty nine votes  
Josiah Stebbins had Eighty votes  
Elijah E. Tarbell had Four votes.

Frank B. Newton,  
Josiah Stebbins and Oscar F. Brown  
having a plurality of the votes were declared  
Elected and sworn.

For Assessors Samuel W. Brown, had One Hundred & forty one votes  
John Shanly, had One Hundred and twenty votes  
George W. Sherman, had One Hundred & forty one votes  
Orus E. Parker, had Twenty votes  
Charles A. Homer, had Three votes

Samuel W. Brown  
John Shanly and George W. Sherman were declared  
elected, and sworn

For School Committee Robert T. Sawin had One Hundred & twenty three votes  
for 3 years Thomas J. Morgan had Eighteen votes.  
Robert T. Sawin was  
declared Elected.

For Collector Jonathan P. Webber, had One Hundred & Twenty one votes  
Charles A. Homer, Twenty votes, Jonathan P. Webber  
was declared Elected & sworn



For Treasurer

Henry F. Brown had One Hundred and thirty seven votes  
 Charles A. Homer had Two votes  
 George M. Hitchcock had One vote

Henry F. Brown was  
 declared elected, and sworn by Samuel W. Brown  
 Justice of the Peace.

For Overseer of Poor  
 for three years

David W. James, had Sixty one votes  
 James Reed Brown, had Sixteen votes  
 Ous E. Parker, had Fifty eight votes  
 James Hoyer, had Three votes  
 Charles A. Homer, had Three votes  
 Porter A. Parker, had One vote,

David W. James was  
 declared Elected and sworn,

For Road Commissioners  
 for three years

Frank B. Newton, had Forty eight votes  
 J. Winslow Fosket had Twenty one votes  
 Sanford Booth had Seventy one votes  
 Josiah Stobbin had One vote  
 John Spring had one vote

Sanford Booth was declared  
 elected and sworn

For Constables

Francis E. Cook, had One Hundred & forty votes  
 Orrin Hicks, had One Hundred and forty one votes  
 John P. Eastman, had Thirty six votes  
 George W. Powers, had Three votes  
 George W. Sherman had one vote

Francis E. Cook, Orrin Hicks and  
 John P. Eastman, was declared elected & sworn

Licenses

On the Question, "Shall licenses for the sale of  
 intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?"  
 The whole number of Ballots was One Hundred  
 and were Yes. Six (6)  
 " " No. ninety four (94)

Voted To act on the 15<sup>th</sup> article

- Voted That the order of the County Commissioners for Specific Repairs, on petition of O. C. Switzer & others be referred to the Road Commissioners to carry out and see that it is complied with - so far as it relates to the town of Brimfield
- Voted That so much of the Corporation and Bank tax as may be required therefor be appropriated to pay the expense of the aforesaid Specific Repairs
- Voted To act on the 16<sup>th</sup> Article. And Francis C. Cook made an oral report on the case of Mrs Augusta Calhoun
- Voted On motion of Francis J. Lincoln that the report of the Overseers be recommitted for further examination, and that they report at a future meeting -
- Voted To act on articles 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>
- Voted On motion of Henry F. Brown, that the town raise the sum of Six Thousand Two Hundred and fifty dollars, by tax and that the same be appropriated as follows viz:
- |  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| For Highways   | 1200 00         |
| " Bridges  | 200 00          |
| " Snow Paths   | 200 00          |
| " Wages & board of Teachers, Fuel and care of houses | 1300 00         |
| " Conveyance of pupils, Text books & school supplies | 100 00          |
| " Salaries of School Committee                       | 100 00          |
| " Repairs on School Houses                           | 100 00          |
| " Support of Pupils                                  | 1550 00         |
| " Officers salaries                                  | 500 00          |
| " Discount on Taxes                                  | 300 00          |
| " State aid, Amount due from the State and           | 50 00           |
| " Miscellaneous expenses                             | 600 00          |
| " Interest on town debt                              | 50 00           |
|  | <hr/> \$6250,00 |



Voted That of the money appropriated for the repair of highways, two thirds of the same be expended by the Road Commissioners before the first day of July next, and not to exceed One Thousand dollars \$1000, before the first day of September next and after that date they shall make only such repairs as are necessary for the safety of travellers -

Voted That so much of the cash in the hands of the Treasurer as may be required therefor, be appropriated for the payment of the outstanding bills of last year, and the same not to be charged against the appropriations for the current year, and the balance of said cash in Treasurer's hands with so much of the uncollected Tax of 1886 as may be required therefor, be appropriated for the payment of the debts of the town.

Voted That until otherwise ordered by the town the Selectmen be directed not to issue, nor the Treasurer to pay any order for bills of the year current year in excess of the amount appropriated by the town for the several classes of expenditure -  
 Except for schools, to which is to be added the Income received from the School Fund, Provided that on the <sup>Monday</sup> first of March of each year, if the amount appropriated for either of the classes of expenditure aforesaid exceeds the amount required therefor, the Selectmen are authorised to transfer the balance or so much thereof as may be required to any class where the liabilities exceed the appropriation -

Voted That the Selectmen and Treasurer, be requested to make a monthly classification of the payments under the several appropriations in form for the annual report so that at the close of the year they will be ready for publication when approved by the Auditors. Also that the Selectmen take the usual Inventory at the

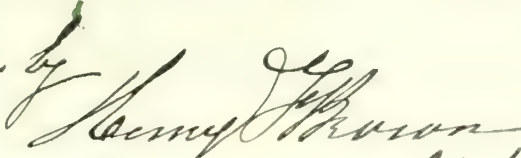
Alms house, make a settlement with the Overseers of Poor, and the report thereof when approved as aforesaid shall be published with the other reports.

Chap 295. acts of 1886 was then read to the Town and it was

*Voted* To choose three Auditors and James T. Brown Henry Newton and Orus E. Parker were chosen, Henry Newton declined to serve and was excused, Thomas J. Morgan was then chosen but asked to be excused, which was granted and James Hayes was chosen, and the three accepting the office viz; James T. Brown, Orus E. Parker and James Hayes were duly sworn

The votes for town officers were then sealed up. Also the check lists of voters, when at 4 o'clock and 40 minutes it was

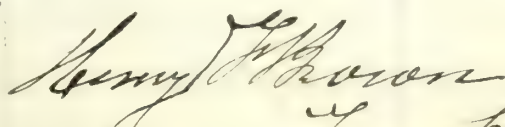
*Voted* To dissolve the meeting and it was so done

Recorded by  
  
 Town Clerk

The Selectmen propose the following names as suitable to be placed in the Jury Box for the year 1887- viz  
 James Durham George W. Shuman John Shanley  
 Orus E. Parker Emory Livermore Sanford Booth  
 Morace E. James Milo S. Booth Miner Miller  
 James T. Brown Charles S. Tarbell Charles A. Homer  
 Thomas J. Morgan Porter A. Parker  
 Brimfield Mass. March 15<sup>th</sup> 1887

M. M. Baker Selectmen  
 F. R. Newton of  
 D. W. James Brimfield

Accepted by vote of the Town  
 April 14<sup>th</sup> 1887

  
 Town Clerk



# Town Officers for the year 1887-8

Clerk & Treasurer	Road Commissioners	Term ends	Fire Viewers,
Henry F. Brown	Moses M. Baker	1888	Newton S. Hubbard
	Newton S. Hubbard	1889	Josiah Stebbins
Selectmen	Sanford Booth	1890	William M. Shaw
Oscar F. Brown			
Frank B. Newton	School Committee,	Term ends	Surveyors of Wood & Lumber
Josiah Stebbins	Newton S. Hubbard	1888	D. Winslow Fosket
	Louis S. Brown	1889	Thomas J. Morgan
Assessors	Robert T. Savin	1890	Arthur J. Daniels
Samuel W. Brown			
John Shanley	Overseers of Poor	Term ends	Auditors
George W. Sherman	Francis E. Cook	1888	James T. Brown
	Sanford Booth	1889	Orus E. Parker
Collector	David W. James	1890	James Hoyer
Jonathan P. Webber			
	Library Directors,	Term ends	Field Drivers
Constables	Louis S. Brown	1888	Moses M. Baker
Francis E. Cook	Henry F. Brown	1889	George W. Sherman
Orin Hicks	Charles A. Homer	1890	Wm M. Lombard
John P. Eastman			Nathan M. Goodale
	Burial Committee,	Term ends	Joseph M. Allen
Sexton	George M. Hitchcock		Frank W. Shepard
George M. Hitchcock	Frank B. Newton	1888	
	Edward W. Potter	1889	

Recorded by  
 Henry F. Brown  
 Town Clerk

Warrant for Election November 8<sup>th</sup> 1887

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden

To Francis C. Cook, Constable of the town  
of Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of  
the town of Brimfield qualified to vote in elections to  
meet at the Town Hall in Brimfield, Tuesday the eighth  
day of November next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon,  
and at half past ten o'clock (at which time the polls  
will be opened) to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for  
Governor, Lieutenant Governor, one Councillor for the  
Eighth Councillor District, Secretary of the Commonwealth,  
Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of the Commonwealth,  
Attorney General, Senator for the First Hampden District,  
One County Commissioner for three years, District  
Attorney for the Western District, to fill vacancy  
caused by the resignation of Andrew J. Waterman.  
One Representative to the General Court for the  
Tenth Hampden District.

All on One Ballot.

The Selectmen fix the time for closing the polls  
at half past two o'clock P.M.

Also

To choose a Moderator for the transaction  
of the following town business viz;

First To hear and act on the report of the Overseers of  
the Poor on the case of Augusta Bathus, <sup>chosen</sup> and  
all committees and agents the action of the town  
on the same may require

And you are directed to  
serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one  
at the Town Hall, one at the center Post Office, and by  
mailing a copy to the Post offices at East and West  
Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a  
copy to Foshets with seven days, at least before the



time for holding said meeting —

And of fail not, and make  
due return of this warrant with your doings  
thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place  
of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twenty  
fourth day of October in the year One Thousand  
Eight Hundred and eighty seven

Cesar F. Brown } Selectmen  
Frank B. Newton }  
Josiah Stobbins } of  
Hampden & Brimfield November 8<sup>th</sup> 1887

I have served the within warrant as therein  
directed

Francis C. Cook

Constable of Brimfield

Recorded by  
Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

### Election November 8<sup>th</sup> 1887

The voters of Brimfield met at the Town Hall  
on Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> 1887 and were called  
to order at ten o'clock and 15 minutes A. M.  
by Cesar F. Brown, chairman of the Selectmen  
after the reading the warrant. The Selectmen the  
Selectmen appointed Henry F. Brown and John  
Shawley. Tellus to assist them in receiving, sorting  
and counting the vote cast; and the said Tellus  
were duly sworn by Samuel W. Brown, Esq.  
Justice of the Peace. The Ballot Box was then  
opened and found to be empty. The Register  
at 9 o'clock the Ballot Box was then closed and  
locked and at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock A. M. the polls were  
opened for the reception of votes, and remained  
open until 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock P. M. when no motion  
having been made to extend the time fixed  
by the Selectmen in the warrant. The polls  
were closed. The Register showed that 148

persons had voted, and a count of the ballots showed 148 ballots received, and a count of the names checked on the list of voters showed that 148 persons had voted, all the above being done in open meeting as the law directs.

The votes were then sorted and counted, and declaration thereof made in open meeting and were as follows viz:

For Governor Oliver Ames of Boston had Eighty one votes  
 Henry B. Lovering of Lynn had Forty four votes  
 William H. Earle of Worcester had Twenty votes  
 Blank Three votes

For Lieut- Governor John D. A. Brackett of Arlington had Eighty four votes  
 Walter Cutting of Pittsfield had Forty four votes  
 John Blackmer of Springfield had Twenty votes

For Secretary of State Lewis B. Pierce of Arlington had Eighty five votes  
 John F. Murphy of Lowell had Forty four votes  
 Amos E. Hall of Chelsea had Nineteen votes

For Treasurer and Receiver General Hanson W. Beard of Boston had Eighty five votes  
 Henry S. Thacher of Carmouth had Forty four votes  
 John L. Hilborn of Lee had Nineteen votes

For Auditor Charles H. Ladd of Springfield had Eighty five votes  
 William F. Cook of Springfield had Forty two votes  
 Edmund M. Stowe of Hudson had Nineteen votes  
 Blank Two "

For Attorney General Andrew J. Watman of Pittsfield had Eighty six votes  
 John W. Corcoran of ~~Wilmington~~ had Forty three votes  
 Allen Coffin of Nantucket had Nineteen votes

For Councillor Eighth District Levi J. Gunn of Springfield had Eighty five votes  
 Lewis Warner of Northampton had Forty four votes  
 Amy C. Smith of Williamstown had Nineteen votes



For County Commissioner Lewis H. Root of Westfield had Eighty five votes  
 Chauncy D. Allen of Westfield had Forty four votes  
 George W. Wright of Fairview had Ninety votes

For Senator, First Edward B. Lathrop of Springfield had Twenty three votes  
 Second District Charles B. Speltzmann of Springfield had Fifty three votes  
 Elephat Trask of Springfield had Twenty votes  
 Blanks Two "

For Representative Charles F. Crovernor of Ludlow had Fifty seven votes  
 District No 2 Saml W. Brown of Brimfield had Sixty nine votes  
 Francis F. McLean of Ludlow had Twenty votes  
 Blanks Two votes

For District: Attorney Western District -  
 In James W. Dunbar of Westfield, Eighty four votes  
 For Charles E. Wilbur of Pittsfield, Forty four votes  
 For Billings, Valman of Brud-Barrington, Ninety votes

After making out, signing and sealing up the returns of the votes cast, also sealing up the Ballots cast, and the list of votes used as a check list this day, all in open meeting, then on motion made and voted, to that effect, the meeting was dissolved.

Recorded by  
 Henry J. Brown  
 Town Clerk

Under the articles in the foregoing, for the transaction of Town business Oscar F. Brown was chosen Moderator of ballot votes. That the business be postponed to one o. clock P. M. at that time Francis E. Cook, chairman of the Overseers of Poor submitted the opinion of counsel as to the case of Augusta Balkin.

That further consideration of the case be postponed to the next Annual Meeting

And that the Overseers of the Poor be requested to ascertain what the present and prospective means of Mrs Balkin are as to defraying the expenses of her support.

That the meeting for the transaction of town business be dissolved. & it was done  
 Henry J. Brown, Town Clerk

## Town Clerk Meeting

This certifies that at a meeting of the Town Clerks of Representative District N<sup>o</sup> 10 in Hampshire County, Massachusetts held at the Selectmen's room in Palmer on Friday the eighteenth day of November A.D. 1887 at noon for the purpose of Examining and comparing the returns of votes cast in the several towns in said District for Representative to the General Court and ascertain what person had been elected.

The whole number of votes returned was nine hundred and ninety five and were for the following persons viz:

For Charles F. Grosvenor, of Ludlow Four Hundred and ninety one votes

For Samuel W. Brown of Brimfield Four Hundred and twenty votes

For Francis F. McLean of Ludlow Seventy eight votes.

Blank Six

Charles F. Grosvenor of Ludlow having a plurality of the votes cast was declared Elected

Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk of Brimfield  
Jas B. Shaw, Town Clerk of Palmer  
F. E. Kinney, Town Clerk of Holland  
W. D. Fuller, Town Clerk of Ludlow

## Vote by Towns

	For Charles F. Grosvenor of Ludlow	For Samuel W. Brown of Brimfield	For Francis F. McLean of Ludlow	Total Votes	Blanks	Total
Palmer	279	310	38	627	1	628
Ludlow	135	26	16	177	3	180
Brimfield	57	69	20	146	2	148
Holland	20	15	4	39	00	39
	491	420	78	989	6	995

Recorded by  
Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk



# Warrant for Annual Meeting April 2, 1888

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 Sheriff

To Francis C. Cook, Constable of Brimfield  
 Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth you are  
 hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants  
 of Brimfield, qualified to vote in town affairs, to  
 meet at the Town Hall, in said Brimfield Mon-  
 day the second day of April next, at ten o'clock  
 in the forenoon, to act on the following articles

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Third To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing  
 year also all committees and agents the business  
 of the town may require. All officers required by law  
 to be chosen by ballot except Moderator and Town  
 Clerk must be <sup>ball</sup> on one ballot.

The Polls will be opened  
 at half past ten o'clock A.M. and may be closed  
 at two o'clock P.M.

Fourth To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore  
 chosen by the Town, and act thereon.

Fifth To raise money for the support of schools for  
 the ensuing year.

Sixth To raise money for the support of highways town  
 ways townways and bridges.

Seventh To raise money for the payment of town debts,  
 and to defray expenses for the ensuing year.

Eighth To see if the town will accept the list of jurors  
 as revised by the Selectmen.

- Ninth To see if the town, will authorise the Town-Treasurer, to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes of the current year, also to borrow money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof.
- Tenth To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods, or act thereon,
- Eleventh To see what disposition the town will make of their Log Fund or act thereon -
- Twelfth To see if the town will authorise the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes, which the Town-Treasurer may use when appointed Collector,
- Thirteenth To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of their Town Officers and agents, or any parts of the same -
- Fourteenth To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for State Aid -
- Fifteenth To see what sum of money (if any) the town will appropriate for Decoration day -
- Sixteenth To see if the Town will take any measures to provide water closets for the Town Hall.
- Seventeenth To see if the Town will revoke the vote of April 2, 1883, accepting the provisions of Sect 69, 70, 72 and 73 of Chap 27 of the Public Statutes in relation to Overseers of the Poor,
- Eighteenth To see if the town will revoke the vote of April 3<sup>d</sup> 1882 accepting the provisions of Chap 158 acts of 1871 in relation to Road Commissioners,
- Nineteenth To see if the town will discontinue the town way leading from the house of Patrick Garridy to the house of John McEntee, or act thereon,



- Twenty sixth To see if the town will discontinue the town way leading from the Gardner place, so called, past School house No 3 to the road, leading Southerly from Fosket's Mills, or any part of the same —
- Twenty first To see if the town, will take any measures to rebuild the Bridges, known as the Fenton and Nutting bridges, or to petition the County Commissioners to discontinue the same, and so much of the roads connected therewith as thereby would not be required,
- Twenty second To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to contract for the care of the Common for a term of years, or act thereon.
- Twenty third To bring in their votes (Yes or No) upon the question "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating in this town."

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, or at the center Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post Office at East Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Fosket's Mills and to the Depot at West Brimfield, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

And fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield, at the time and place of meeting above said.

Given under our hands this tenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight.

Hampden Co

Brimfield April 2, 1888

I have served the within warrant as herein directed

Francis E. Cook

Constable of Brimfield

Oscar F. Brown

Frank R. Newton

Josiah Stebbins

Selectmen

of

Brimfield

Recorded by

Oscar F. Brown, Town Clerk

## Annual Town Meeting, April 2, 1888

The voters of Benfield assembled at the Town Hall in response to the foregoing warrant, and were called to order by the Town Clerk, Henry F. Brown at 10 o'clock and 20 minutes A.M. after the reading of the warrant. The Town Clerk appointed Oscar F. Brown, Frank B. Newton and Josiah Stebbins, Tellers, to assist him, in checking the list of voters, receiving the votes and ascertaining and counting the same, said Tellers being duly sworn by Henry F. Brown, Justice of the Peace. And at 10½ o'clock A.M. the votes were received for Moderator.

Tellers

Moderator

Whole number of votes Twenty six.  
Samuel W. Brown had that number and was declared Elected, and accepted the office.

The Moderator appointed Oscar F. Brown, Frank B. Newton, Josiah Stebbins and Omer E. Parker, Tellers, to assist him, in checking the list of voters, receiving, ascertaining and counting the votes cast for Town Officers, and on the Question of License, and they were sworn by the Town Clerk.

Tellers

Town Clerk

The votes were then received for Town Clerk, whole number of votes Seventeen.

Henry F. Brown had that number, and was declared Elected and sworn by the Moderator.

Voted

License

That the votes on the Question, "Shall Licenses for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors be granted in this town," Art 23<sup>d</sup>, be taken at the same time, (in the Cancellation, Registering Ballot-Box) as the votes in another box, for Town Officers

Reception  
of votes.

The votes were then received for all officers required by law to be chosen by ballot in one box, and on the question of License in the box aforesaid



The Election of officers and required to be chosen by ballot was then taken up.

Noted That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to nominate a Library Director in place of Louis S. Brown, whose term of office expires.  
And Elijah Allen, Edward Bliss and Arthur A. Upham were appointed, and reported the name of Louis S. Brown for re-election for three years.

Library Director

And he was Elected.

Noted That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to nominate a Secretary Committee for two years in place of Frank M. Newton, whose term of office expires at this meeting.

Committee, Edward W. Potter, Francis S. Cook and George M. Hitchcock, who Secretary Committee reported the name of Frank M. Newton for re-election, and he was Elected.

Noted That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to nominate three Fence Viewers - and Emory Livermore, John W. Bronning and Charles S. Farbell were so appointed, who reported the names of Newton S. Hubbard, Josiah Stebbins and Elijah Allen for Fence Viewers, and they were Elected, and sworn -

Noted To choose four Surveyors of Wood and Lumber, and

Surveyors Wood & Lumber Horatio S. Converse D. W. Fosket - Thomas J. Morgan & Arthur J. Daniels were chosen and sworn.

Noted To choose three Auditors, and that a committee of three be appointed to nominate the same.  
Committee, Edward W. Potter, Frank M. Newton and George W. Sherman, who reported in favor of choosing one Auditor, and reported the name of James T. Brown for the office.

Auditors

And the report of the committee was accepted and James T. Brown was chosen.

*Noted* To choose Six Field drivers and  
George W. Shuman Arthur B. Brown William M. Lumbard  
Moore H. Baker Daniel L. Briggs Frank M. Tobey  
were chosen,

Under the Fourth Article, the report of the Overseers of the Poor, (postponed from the November Meeting to this time) was taken up and considered.

While it was under consideration it was

*Noted* To suspend further consideration of town business until one o'clock P.M. the Polls for the reception of votes to be kept open,

At one o'clock P.M. the report of the Overseers of the Poor on the case of Augusta Cathkins was again considered, and on motion of Francis E. Cook it was

*Noted* That a committee of three be chosen who are fully authorized, in the name and behalf of the town, to take such measures as they deem best, by suit, or otherwise, to ascertain the legal place of settlement of Mrs Augusta Cathkins, and such other measures as they find to be necessary to reimburse the town for money already paid, or that hereafter may be paid for her support,

*Noted* That the Moderator appoint the aforesaid committee, and he appointed, Francis E. Cook, James T. Brown and Ours E. Parker for said committee.

*Noted* That the polls for the reception of votes for town officers, and on the question of Licenses be closed at 2 1/4 o'clock P.M.

The Selectmen reported that they had received notice from the Executives of the last will



of Nathan M. Goodale, of a bequest to the  
 town of a sum of money to be used  
 for the erection of Tablets on his Cemetery Lot  
 and care of the same, and lot

Voted On motion George Bacon that the town accept  
 the legacy for the purposes named.

Under the Eighth Article it was,

Voted To accept the list of jurors as revised by the  
 Selectmen, as follows viz;

The Selectmen propose the  
 following names as suitable to be placed in the  
 Jury Box for the year 1886- viz;

James Dunham	Joseph Bates	John Shanks
Orus E. Parker	Benny Blodgett	Charles A. Homer
Morace E. James	Milo S. Booth	Melven Booth
James T. Brown	Charles S. Tarbell	Orin Hichs
Emory Livermore	Porter A. Parker	

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Orus T. Brown } Selectmen  
 Frank B. Hewitt } of  
 Josiah Stillman } Brimfield

Voted Under Article 5<sup>th</sup> To raise and appropriate  
 For wages and board of teachers fuel and care of house  
 the sum of Thirteen Hundred Dollars \$1300.00  
 For conveyance of pupils, Text books and supplies  
 the sum of One Hundred Dollars \$100.00  
 For salaries of School Committee  
 One Hundred dollars \$100.00  
 To which income from School Fund \$7500.00  
 is to be added.

Voted To raise Sixteen Hundred dollars  
 for the repair of highway \$1600.00  
 Vote affirmative Forty two (42)  
 Negative Nineteen (19)

Voted To raise Two Hundred dollars for support of Bridges \$200.00

Voted To raise Two Hundred dollars for Town Library \$200.00

Moved by Henry F. Brown, that the last clause of Article 6<sup>th</sup> and Article 18<sup>th</sup> be referred to a committee to take into Motion to refer consideration and report it an adjourned meeting what action it is advisable for the town to adopt — not carried.

Moved By Thomas J. Morgan that two thirds of the money raised for the repair of highways be expended before July first next.

Moved by James S. Brown to amend by striking out the word July and insert June.

Mr Morgan offered to accept June 13<sup>th</sup> which was assented to by the mover of the amendment and as amended the motion was adopted.

### Close of Polls

At two and a quarter o'clock P.M. the polls for the reception of votes for town officers, and on the Question of Licenses, were closed.

The votes were sorted, counted and declaration thereof made in open meeting as follows viz:

Oscar F. Brown, had One hundred and six votes.  
 Frank B. Newton had Seventy three votes.  
 Josiah Stebbins had One hundred and six votes.  
 Porter A. Parker had Thirty four votes.

Oscar F. Brown, Frank B. Newton and Josiah Stebbins having a plurality of the votes cast were declared Elected and sworn.

Samuel W. Brown had One hundred and seven votes  
 John Chanly had One hundred and six votes  
 George W. Sherman had One hundred and four votes



Samuel W. Brown, John Shanly, and George W. Sherman having a plurality of the votes cast were declared elected, and sworn

For School Committee Newton S. Hubbard had One Hundred votes for three years  
Orris E. Parker had two votes  
Newton S. Hubbard was declared elected,

For Town Treasurer Henry F. Brown, had One Hundred & four votes  
George M. Hildreth had one vote.  
Henry F. Brown, was declared elected and sworn by the Moderator —

For Collector of Taxes Charles S. Tarbell, had One Hundred and one votes  
Jonathan P. Webber had two votes  
Charles S. Tarbell was declared elected and sworn.

For Constables Francis E. Cook had One Hundred and seven votes  
Orin Hicks had One Hundred and seven votes  
John P. Eastman had Seventy two votes  
Francis E. Cook, Orin Hicks, and John P. Eastman having a plurality of the votes cast were declared elected, and except John P. Eastman sworn

For Sursee of Poor Francis E. Cook had One Hundred and six votes for three years and was declared elected.

For Road Commissioner Orin Hicks had One Hundred and three votes, for three years  
Frank B. Newton had one vote,

On the Question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating in this town"

The whole number of ballots was Seventy eight and were,

Yes. Four, (4)

No. Seventy four (74)

Voted On motion of Byron W. Charles, to give  
 for the repair of School houses one hundred and fifty dollars \$ 150.00  
 " Support of Paupers, Fifteen hundred dollars \$ 1500.00  
 " Officers Salaries, Five hundred dollars \$ 500.00  
 " Discount on Taxes, Three hundred dollars \$ 300.00  
 " Miscellaneous Expenses \$ 600.00  
 " Interest on Town debt 50.00

Voted That when this meeting adjourn, it be adjourned to  
 meet on Monday April 9, 1884, at 10 o'clock A.M.

Voted On motion of Orus E. Parker, that article 18<sup>th</sup> be  
 referred to a committee of seven, to consider the  
 the same and if they recommend <sup>that</sup> the vote of  
 April 3, 1882, be revoked. that they report some  
 other method for the repair of Highways, and  
 the following committee was chosen by  
 nomination viz;

Orus E. Parker, D. Winslow Foster,  
 David W. Jones, Oscar F. Brown, John C. Spring,  
 Albert J. Thomas and Moses H. Baker,

Voted On motion of Oscar F. Brown that Article 17<sup>th</sup>  
 be referred to a committee of three to  
 consider and report to the town what action  
 it is advisable should be taken thereon.  
 In accordance with a vote of the town the  
 Moderator appointed, Oscar F. Brown,  
 Byron W. Charles and Henry Norton as  
 a committee for the above purpose

Voted Under Article 9<sup>th</sup> that the Town Treasurer be  
 authorized with the approval of the Selectmen  
 to borrow money in anticipation of taxes  
 for the current year, and give the notes  
 of the town therefor, also

Voted That the Town Treasurer be authorized with the



approval of the Selectmen, to borrow <sup>money</sup> to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan or loans or any part thereof, and to issue the notes of <sup>the town</sup> therefor -

The above passed by a vote of Sixteen in the Affirmative  
~~Says none~~

Noted To adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned to meet on Monday April 9, 1888

Monday - April 9, 1888.

The votes of Brimfield met pursuant to adjournment.

Noted On motion of Henry F. Brown. That the compensation of the collector of Taxes be Sixty dollars subject to the following conditions and restrictions: he shall give bonds to the town for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, he shall keep the accounts required by Chap 110 of the acts of 1847, he shall collect and pay over to the Treasurer of the Town, on or before the first day of September next, all the poll taxes (unless for good and sufficient reasons the Assessors allow him further time on the same) and one half the tax on real and personal estate, and shall during the first week of every month pay to the Town Treasurer, all moneys which he shall have collected, except so much as he shall have collected for the County tax which shall be paid to the County Treasurer at the time specified in his warrant, he shall make a discount of six per cent. to all those who pay their taxes in full on or before the first day of September next, and a discount of four per cent. to those who pay their taxes in full after the first day of September next, and on or before the first day of January next, (for the discount so allowed the Selectmen will draw an order upon the certificate of Town Treasurer, and for County tax paid upon the receipt of County Treasurer therefor) and upon all taxes which shall

remain unpaid at the last date he shall charge and collect interest at the rate of six per cent per annum until the same are paid, and shall make a final settlement with the Town Treasurer on or before the Wednesday after the first Monday in March next. And whenever he has collected and paid over to the County and Town Treasurers seven eighths of the amount committed to him to collect, and has kept the aforesaid accounts he shall be entitled to two thirds of his compensation, and the balance when he completes <sup>his collection and accounts</sup> and pays over to the Town Treasurer the same, and returns his account, and tax collector books.

Noted On motion of Henry T. Brown, that Jonathan T. Wilber Collector for the past 10 years be requested to return to the Selectmen the Tax Collector Books, for that period, in his hands, when he has completed his collections of the same.

Noted That the Dog Fund now in the Town Treasurer's hands be appropriated for the purchase of books for the Public Library -

Noted That the Collector of Taxes be authorized to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector.

Noted That the reports of the Officers of the town be published at the close of the year and include the same as those for the past year.

Noted That the amount due from the State for Soldier's Aid paid, be appropriated for State Aid to be expended under the provisions of Chapters 252, and 301 of acts of 1879.

Noted To raise and appropriate \$30. for Decoration day.

Noted That Article 16<sup>th</sup> be referred to the Selectmen with authority to take such action thereon as they find



to be expedient and proper —

Noted To take up and act upon Article 18<sup>th</sup>

Orus E. Parker chairman of the committee to whom the same was referred submitted the following viz;

"The committee appointed to consider the eighteenth article of the warrant, report in favor of revoking the vote of April 3, 1882, whereby we elect Road Commissioners"

Noted To revoke the vote of April 3, 1882 accepting the provisions of Chap 158 Acts of 1871 in relation to Road Commissioners

Orus E. Parker for the same committee submitted the following viz;

"Our committee recommend that we choose the Selectmen Highway Surveyors, and that they be instructed to divide the town into ten districts and appoint an agent in each district, apportioning the money to each agent according to the needs of the section."

Noted To accept the report of the committee and that the committee be discharged

Moved To choose three Highway Surveyors, not carried

Moved To reconsider the vote, revoking the vote of April 3, 1882 Aff 2, votes Neg 33 votes, not carried

Noted On motion of Byron W. Charles to reconsider the vote, where the town voted not to choose three Highway Surveyors, carried by a vote of 35 in the Affirmation and 6 in the negation

Moved By Thomas J. Morgan to adjourn for one hour not carried, Aff 16 votes Neg 32 votes

Moved By Moses H. Baker to amend the motion to choose three highway surveyors, by striking out the word three and inserting the word eight - so that the motion will read: To choose eight highway surveyors. Amendment was adopted.

And as amended the motion was adopted by the town.

Noted On motion of Moses H. Baker that a committee of five be appointed to nominate the eight highway surveyors.

The Moderator appointed for that committee, Moses H. Baker, Ous E. Parker, J. Winslow Fosket, Byron W. Charles, and Oscar F. Brown.

Noted To adjourn to meet at one o'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment

The committee to nominate 8 highway surveyors reported the following persons for the office viz;

Albert Woodward, Elected & sworn  
 Oliver J. Phinpton Elected, Declined.  
 Henry Blodgett Elected & sworn  
 Albert D. Thomas Elected & sworn  
 James T. Brown, Elected, holding office of Auditor not eligible  
 John L. Chaffee Jr. Elected & sworn  
 Porter A. Parker, Elected, declined and excused  
 Sanford Booth, Elected & sworn

The committee to whom the matter was referred, reported the names of William H. Shaw & Byron W. Charles for the vacancy. Elected and excused. Elected & sworn. Elected in place of W<sup>ms</sup> H. Shaw, declined.

Noted On motion of Ous E. Parker to choose four additional highway surveyors

And it was referred to the same committee to nominate persons for the same.



He reported the following persons for;  
 Edward B. Brown Elected. Rejoined  
 William S. Parker Elected & sworn  
 George L. Agard Elected & sworn  
 John F. Lombard Elected & sworn

on Guide boards

Guide boards

The report of the Road Commissioners was taken up, accepted and adopted, and referred to the Selectmen to be carried out -

Noted On motion of Thomas J. Morgan under Article 19<sup>th</sup> that the town way there described be discontinued as a public way, but that it be left open as a private way. <sup>since the right and</sup> for the convenience of parties who may have occasion to use the same as such.

Noted That, so much of the town way named in Article 20<sup>th</sup> as lies South of the South East corner of School house N<sup>o</sup> 3 and extending Southw<sup>ly</sup> & Southwesterly to its junction, with the road leading Southw<sup>ly</sup> from Foster's Mills, to the road leading from Brimfield to Monson be discontinued as a public way, but that it be left open as a private way for the use of parties who have a right and occasion for such use -

Noted That the Selectmen cause to be placed at each end of the two ways discontinued as above, suitable notices or signs, marked Private Way. Dangerous

Noted That the subject matter of the 21<sup>st</sup> article <sup>in the report</sup> be referred to the Selectmen, with authority in the name and behalf of the town of Brimfield to petition the County Commissioners, to discontinue the Nutting bridge so called and so much of the highway therewith connected as thereby would become unnecessary and

and if this is done, they are hereby authorised to join with the town of <sup>Falmouth</sup>, if they deem it expedient so to do, in erecting one stone bridge over the Easton River, in the place of the Easton Bridge, so called, lately destroyed,

The committee to whom the 17<sup>th</sup> article was referred by Oscar F. Brown, chairman reported recommending that the vote specified in said article be revoked, and their report was accepted and adopted, and the aforesaid vote revoked.

*Noted* That a committee of three be appointed on Decoration Day and Byron W. Charles, Eliza W. Gander and William W. Earle were appointed.

*Moved* By Thomas J. Morgan that the Library Directors be instructed to open or cause to be opened, the Public Library on Sundays ~~at~~ 12 o'clock noon and kept open until 1 1/2 o'clock P. M.

*Noted* That the above motion be postponed to the next called meeting of the town.

Mary F. Brown presented, and moved the adoption of the following Preamble, and vote. viz;

Whereas differences of opinion exist in town as to the proper manner of keeping the accounts at the Almshouse, and as to the proper items to be included in the annual report of the settlement of the same, and

Whereas it is desirable to have a uniform system of accounting at the Almshouse, and one that will as nearly as may be, show the annual cost for the support of the inmates there. Therefore,

*Noted* That until otherwise ordered by the town, the accounts hereafter named shall be kept, and the following rules observed in the annual



settlement at the Almshouse viz;

First That the value of the real estate of the Almshouse property for the above purposes be fixed at the sum of Four Thousand dollars (\$4000).

Second That at the annual settlement the Overseers of Poor be charged interest on the real estate as above, and on the personal estate on the amount fixed at the annual <sup>appraisal</sup> at the rate of four per cent per annum.

Third That the Overseers of Poor cause to be kept an account of the Receipts and Payments at the Almshouse, also as near as may be done an account of the products of the farm, also of the property and products <sup>of the farm</sup> sold therefrom, and to whom, and the amount received therefor, also of those used at the Almshouse and farm, and the value thereof, also of the amount paid for labor including salaries and to whom.

Fourth The town shall <sup>annually</sup> elect, failing so to do, the Selectmen, (if not Overseers of Poor,) in that case the Assessors, shall appoint a committee of three to make the annual appraisal at the Almshouse, and settlement with the Overseers of Poor and their report thereof, when approved by the Auditor shall be published with the other reports.

Fifth At the Annual Appraisal at the Almshouse so far as the products of the farm are required for use here, they shall be appraised at an average value for a term of years, and those intended for sale shall be appraised at their market value, whether more or less than above.

Wood from the farm to be appraised at the cost of cutting, hauling and fitting for use, as it may be at the time of appraisal —

And on articles that depreciate by use, and require suitable allowance shall annually be made therefor.

Sixth At the annual settlement with the Overseers of Poor, to ascertain the whole cost for the support of the Poor at the Almshouse, in addition to the items heretofore charged, shall be added the amount received for the products of the farm for the current year, sold and the proceeds there used, also the value of the products of the farm for the current year used thereon, the account to be so made and stated as best to secure the desired result,

Seventh So far, as in any year, actual and permanent improvements or betterments (not ordinary repairs) are made upon the Almshouse farm and buildings thereon, the same shall be examined by the committee to make the annual appraisal and <sup>who</sup> shall determine and certify to their value, and the amount thereof shall be allowed towards the cost for the support of the poor at the Almshouse for that year,

Noted To adopt the foregoing Preamble and Rules,

Noted On motion of Oscar F. Brown to proceed to the Election of three Overseers of the Poor to serve for one year

Noted That a committee of five be appointed to nominate the three overseers of the poor, and

Oscar F. Brown,  
Newton S. Hubbard, Thomas J. Morgan Porter A.  
Parker and Moses M. Baker were appointed,  
and the committee reported the following viz;  
Francis E. Cook  
Orus E. Parker and George M. Hitchcock, and  
they were chosen, George M. Hitchcock declined  
to serve and was excused, the same committee  
reported the name of Henry F. Brown, who  
declined, the committee then reported the name  
of Henry Newton, and he was elected, and  
Francis E. Cook, Orus E. Parker and Henry  
Newton were duly sworn as Overseers of the Poor.



Article 22<sup>d</sup> was then taken up and it was  
to postpone the same indefinitely—

Noted On motion of Orus E. Parker that of the \$1600.  
raised for the repair of highways \$200. be  
appropriated for, and may be used to pay  
for the use of tools, also, with the approval of  
the Selectmen, for the purchase of tools, for the  
repair of highways. Provided however, that no  
part of the same shall be expended for  
road machines without a vote of the town  
therefor.

Noted That a committee of three be appointed to  
consider and report to the town what price  
shall be paid by the highway surveyors  
for labor and teams for work on the  
highways, and

Doers: M. Baker  
Newton S. Hubbard and Edward W. Potter  
were appointed.

Who recommended that  
fifteen cents per hour be paid for men,  
and teams, each, but when he puts on the  
team to the Road Scraper he may pay 20 cts  
per hour for teams while so employed.

Noted On motion of Henry F. Brown that the several sums of  
money raised at this meeting be appropriated for the  
purposes named herewith and that the same be  
upon the Polls and estates for the current year—as  
follows viz;

For Highways	1600 00
" Bridges	200 00
" Snow path	200 00
" Schools	1300 00
" conveyance of pupils, text books and supplies	100 00
" Salaries of school committee	100 00
" Support of paupers	1500 00
	\$ 5000 00

Amount brought up	\$5000 00
For repairs on school houses	150 00
" Officers salaries	510 00
" Discount on taxes	300 00
" Miscellaneous expenses	600 00
" Interest on town debt	50 00
" Decoration day	30 00
	<u>\$ 6630 00</u>

Voted That so much of the cash in the hands of the Treasurer as may be required therefor, be appropriated for the <sup>payment of the</sup> outstanding bills of last year, and the same not to be charged against the appropriation for the current year, and the balance of said cash in the Treasurers hands with so much of the uncollected tax of 1887 as may be required therefor be appropriated for the payment of the debts of the town

Recorded by  
 Henry Johnson  
 Town Clerk



To Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk of Brimfield

This certifies that we have this day appointed Oscar E. Parker as one of the Highway Surveyors of the town of Brimfield to fill the vacancy caused by the declination of Oliver J. Thompson -

Also John Chanly to the same office to fill the vacancy caused by the declination of Edward B. Brown.

Given under our hands at Brimfield this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1888

Oscar F. Brown, Selectmen  
Frank R. Newton, Brimfield

To Henry F. Brown,

Town Clerk of Brimfield

This certifies that we have this day appointed Geo W. Sherman as Highway Surveyor in the town of Brimfield to fill the vacancy caused by the declination of Orion Bick -

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of April 1888

Oscar F. Brown, Selectmen  
Frank R. Newton, Brimfield

This certifies that John Chanly, one of the appointed Highway Surveyors came before me on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 1888 and took the oath prescribed by law

Samuel W. Brown

Brimfield April 18, 1888.

Justice of the Peace

This certifies that Geo W. Sherman appointed Highway Surveyor, appeared before me and took the oath prescribed by law

Samuel W. Brown.

Brimfield April 18, 1888.

Justice of the Peace

The aforesaid appointments and certificates recorded, and Oscar E. Parker, sworn as Highway Surveyor by Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

# Town Officers for the year 1888-9

Clerk and Treasurer	School Committee, Term ends		Highway Surveyors
Henry F. Brown	Louis S. Brown	1889	George L. Sgard
	Dr Robert C. Harwin	1890	Sanford Booth
Selectmen	Newton S. Hubbard	1891	Henry Blodgett
Oscar F. Brown			Byron W. Charles
Frank B. Newton	Library Directors, Term ends		John L. Chaffer Jr
Josiah Stebbins	Henry F. Brown	1889	John F. Lumbard
	Charles A. Homer	1890	Wilbur S. Parker
Assessors	Louis S. Brown	1891	Orris E. Parker
Samuel W. Brown			John Shanly
John Shanly	Overseers of Poor		George W. Shuman
George W. Shuman	Francis E. Cook		Albert J. Thomas
	Orris E. Parker		Albert Woodard
Collector	Henry Newton		
Charles S. Tarbell			
	Fence Viewers		Cemetery Committee, Term ends
Auditor	Newton S. Hubbard		Edward W. Potter 1889
James T. Brown	Josiah Stebbins		Frank B. Newton 1890
	Elijah Allen		
Constables			Field Drivers
Francis E. Cook	Surveyors of Wood & Lumber		George W. Shuman
Orin Hicks	Horatio L. Converse		Arthur B. Brown
	Thomas J. Morgan		William H. Lumbard
Sexton	D. Winslow Fosket		Moses H. Baker
George M. Hitchcock	Arthur J. Daniels		Daniel L. Briggs
			Frank H. Tobey

Recorded by  
 Henry F. Brown  
 Town Clerk



# Warrant for Town Meeting May 29, 1888

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co

To Francis E. Cook, Constable of Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and cause the inhabitants of Brimfield, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield Tuesday the twenty ninth day of May inst at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles.

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting -

Second To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in relation to the Fenton & Hutting bridges (so called) recently carried away, and the roads therewith connected,

Third Also To choose all committees and agents the action of the Town on the foregoing, or other business of the town may require -

Fourth To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow such sums of money by a loan, or in anticipation of the taxes for the next ensuing year as may be required to rebuild the above named bridges if the town are required to rebuild the same

Fifth To see if the town will vote to have the Public Library opened for any part of the day on Sundays.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting an attested of the same at the Town Hall, one at the center Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post Office at East Brimfield and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Foxbets Hills, and to the B & A. Depot at West Brimfield, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Shall fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Springfield at the time and place of meeting aforesaid -

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight

Oscar F. Brown, Selectman  
Frank B. Newton } Springfield

Camden } Springfield May 21<sup>st</sup> 1888  
I have served the within warrant as herein directed

Francis E. Cook, Constable of  
Springfield

A true copy of the Warrant, and Constables return thereon

Henry F. Brown Town Clerk

Town Meeting May 29<sup>th</sup> 1888

The voters of Springfield met at the Town Hall May 29. 1888 in response to the foregoing warrant were called to order by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk at two o'clock and forty five minutes P.M. after the reading of the warrant the votes were received for a Moderator

Whole number of votes Six  
Samuel W. Brown had six votes and was declared Elected, and accepted the office,

Oscar F. Brown, chairman of the Selectmen, made an oral report in relation to the Fenton and Meeting bridges, and the roads therewith connected,

Afterwards on motion of Henry F. Brown it was,

Noted

That the Selectmen in addition to the authority and



powers conferred upon them at the Annual Meeting held by adjournment on Monday April 9. 1888 in relation to the Meeting and Fenton Bridges (so called)

Are hereby authorized in the name and behalf of the town to take such action in relation to the same and the roads therewith connected, as they deem for the best interest of the town and the public.

Whether it be by petition to the proper authorities to discontinue the bridges, and so much of the roads therewith connected as would thereby become unnecessary, or rebuild the bridges, or take such other action in relation to the same as they find to be expedient and proper.

The Town Clerk then presented and read a note from James T. Brown, one of the Committee on the Augusta Balkin's case, asking to be excused from further service on the same and it was

Noted To grant his request.

Noted On motion of Frank B. Newton that a committee of three be appointed to nominate a person to fill the vacancy, and Frank B. Newton, Francis E. Cook and Oscar T. Brown were appointed said committee, and they reported the name of Henry T. Brown, and he was chosen.

Noted That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen be authorized to borrow such sums of money as may be required, if the town are required to rebuild the aforesaid bridges, and give the notes of the town therefor —  
The above passed by a vote of 12 in the Aff  
Ayes none

Noted That the meeting be dissolved & it was so done  
Recorded by

Henry T. Brown, Town Clerk

Warrant for Election November 6<sup>th</sup> 1878

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden

Francis E. Cook, Constable of the town  
of Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Sunday the sixth day of November next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and at half past ten o'clock, at which time the Polls will be opened) to bring in their votes to the Selectmen, who will preside at said meeting, for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, One Representative to Congress for the Tenth Congressional District, For Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, One Councillor for the Eighth Councillor Councillor District, One Senator for the First Hampden District, One County Commissioner, Register of Deeds, Register of Probate, and Treasurer for Hampden County, One Representative to the General Court for the Tenth Representative District.

All on one Ballot -

The Selectmen fix the time for closing the Polls at half past two o'clock,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, one at the center Post Office and by mailing a copy to the Post Office at East Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Foster's Mills and to the Depot at West Brimfield seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting,

Hereof fail not.

and make due return of this warrant with

Done



your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands  
this twenty second day of October One Thousand  
Eight Hundred and eighty eight.

Oscar F. Brown, Selectmen  
Frank B. Newton }  
Josiah Stetson } of  
Brimfield

*Cambridge*

Brimfield November 6<sup>th</sup> 1888

I have served the within warrant as therein directed

Francis E. Cook,

Constable of Brimfield

A true record of the warrant and Constables return  
thereon

Attest

*Henry F. Brown*

Town Clerk

Election November 6<sup>th</sup> 1888

The voters of Brimfield met at the Town Hall on Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> 1888 in response to the foregoing warrant and were called to order at 10 o'clock and 19 minutes A.M. by Oscar F. Brown, chairman of the Selectmen, after the reading of the warrant. The Selectmen appointed Henry F. Brown and John Chanly, Tellers to assist them in receiving, sorting and counting the votes cast, and the Tellers so appointed were sworn by Samuel W. Brown, Esq. Justice of the Peace. The Ballot box was then opened and found to be empty. The Register stood at 000. The Ballot box was then closed and locked and the key handed to Francis E. Cook, Constable, for safe keeping, and at 10½ o'clock A.M. the Polls were opened for the reception of votes and

remained open until 2½ o'clock P.M. when, no motion having been made to extend the time fixed by the Selectmen in the warrant for closing the polls, the same were closed, the Register showing that 214 ballots had been cast, and the count of the names checked on the list of voters showed that 213 persons had voted. The key of the Ballot box was then received from Francis E. Cook, Constable, and the Ballot box was then unlocked, and opened, and the ballots therein counted, being 213 ballots received, all the above being done in open meeting, as the law directs.

The votes were then sorted, counted and declaration thereof made in open meeting and was as follows viz:

- For Electors  
At Large George D. Robinson, of Chicopee had One Hundred & nineteen votes  
William F. Draper of Wopedale had One Hundred & nineteen votes  
John Boyle O'Reilly of Boston had Eighty votes  
George M. Stearns of Chicopee had Eighty votes  
James B. Roberts of Cambridge had Fourteen votes  
John Blackmer of Springfield had Fourteen votes
- For Elector for District No One John M. Reed, of Barnstable, had One Hundred & nineteen votes  
Thomas C. Day of Barnstable, had Eighty votes  
John D. Flint of Fall River, had Fourteen votes
- For Elector for District No Two George C. Freeman, of Braintree, had One Hundred & nineteen votes  
Buckrod Morse of Sharon, had Eighty votes  
William J. Smith, of Taunton had Fourteen votes
- For Elector for District No Three Caleb J. Boardman of Boston had One Hundred & nineteen votes  
Nathan Matthews Jr of Boston had Eighty votes  
James M. Briggs of Boston had Fourteen votes
- For Elector for District No Four Elijah Herbert Hatch of Boston, had One Hundred & nineteen votes  
Matthew Heaney, of Boston had Eighty votes  
Israel C. Hapton, of Boston had Fourteen votes



For Elector for  
District N<sup>o</sup> Five  
Sam<sup>l</sup> J. Wells of Cambridge had One Hundred & nineteen votes  
Charles H. Taylor of Boston had Eighty votes  
Andrew Howes of Boston had Fourteen votes

For Elector for  
District N<sup>o</sup> Six  
Anatol<sup>l</sup> Wellington of Boston had One Hundred & nineteen votes  
Sam<sup>l</sup> S. Adler of Medford had Eighty votes  
George M. Harwood of Lynn had Fourteen votes

For Elector for  
District N<sup>o</sup> Seven  
Francis Howood of Beverly had One Hundred & nineteen votes  
James F. Dean of Salem had Eighty votes  
Daniel W. Friend of Manchester had Fourteen votes

For Elector for  
District N<sup>o</sup> Eight  
Charles C. Giff of Lawrence had One Hundred & nineteen votes  
John C. Burbank of Lawrence had Eighty votes  
Orson C. Mallory of Lowell had Fourteen votes

For Elector for  
District N<sup>o</sup> Nine  
Charles D. Tuell of Haverhill had One Hundred & nineteen votes  
William Aspinwall of Brookline had Eighty votes  
Charles M. Bowser of Clinton had Fourteen votes

For Elector for  
District N<sup>o</sup> Ten  
Frank F. Gooding of Worcester had One Hundred & nineteen votes  
Edward W. Lincoln of Worcester had Eighty votes  
Edward J. Conant of Worcester had Fourteen votes

For Elector for  
District N<sup>o</sup> Eleven  
Chester C. Conant of Greenfield had One Hundred & nineteen votes  
Frederic S. Coolidge of Ashburnham had Eighty votes  
Julius M. Seelye of Amherst had Fourteen votes

For Elector for  
District N<sup>o</sup> Twelve  
Elisha Morgan of Springfield had One Hundred & nineteen votes  
Walter Cutting of Pittsfield had Eighty votes  
Howard A. Gibbs of Lee had Fourteen votes

For Governor  
Oliver Ames of Easton had One Hundred & Seventeen votes  
William E. Russell of Cambridge had Eighty votes  
William M. Earle of Worcester had Fifteen votes  
Blank one

For Lieutenant Governor  
John D. A. Brackett of Arlington had One Hundred & Eighteen votes  
John W. Gorham of Clinton had Eighty votes  
John Barcorn of Williamstown had Fifteen votes

For Secretary  
of State

Henry B. Pierce, of Abington, had One Hundred & eighteen votes  
William M. Osgood, of Boston, had Seventy nine votes  
Henry C. Smith, of Williamsburg, had Sixteen votes

For Treasurer and  
Junior General

George A. Hadden, of Lowell, had One Hundred & eighteen votes  
Henry C. Thacher, of Barnmouth, had Seventy nine votes  
John M. Fisher, of Attleborough, had Sixteen votes

For Auditor

Charles M. Ladd, of Springfield, had One Hundred & eighteen votes  
William A. Williams, of Worcester, had Seventy eight votes  
Edmund M. Stowe, of Hudson, had Sixteen votes  
Blank one vote

For Attorney General Andrew J. Watman, of Pittsfield, had One Hundred & nineteen votes

Samuel O. Lamb, of Springfield, had Seventy eight votes  
Allen Coffin, of Nantucket, had Sixteen votes

For Representative to  
Congress, 10<sup>th</sup> District

Joseph M. Walker, of Worcester, had One Hundred & eight votes  
Erving B. Lyles, of Millbury, had Eighty three votes  
Charles C. Allen, of Barre, had Sixteen votes  
Francis W. Northwell, of Pittsfield, District No 12 had one vote  
Blank Five votes

For Counsellor  
Eight District

Levi J. Gunn, of Springfield, had One Hundred & eighteen votes  
Christopher C. Merritt, of Springfield, had Seventy nine votes  
Roland F. Alger, of Becket, had Sixteen votes

For Senator, First  
Hampden District

Edwin D. Metcalf, of Springfield, had One Hundred & nineteen votes  
Ethan C. Robinson, of Springfield, had Seventy eight votes  
Frank A. Boren, of Palmer, had Sixteen votes

For County  
Commissioner

Leonard Clark, of Springfield, had One Hundred & nineteen votes  
Lewis L. Whitman, of Agawam, had Seventy eight votes  
George F. Wright, of Palmer, had Sixteen votes

For County  
Treasurer

M. Wells Bridge, of Springfield, had One Hundred & thirty six votes  
Edward A. Hall, of Springfield, had Seventy seven votes

over



For Register of Voters Samuel B. Spooner of Springfield had Two  
and Seventy five Hundred and Thirteen votes.

For Register of Deeds James E. Russell of Springfield had Two Hundred  
and Thirteen votes.

For Register of Deeds William H. Loomis of Palmer had One Hundred and seven votes  
General Court District 4<sup>th</sup> 10 Samuel W. Spooner of Springfield had Ninety two votes  
Cresimus T. Went. of Palmer had Thirteen votes  
Blank One vote

After making, signing, and sealing the returns  
of the aforesaid votes, also sealing up the Ballots  
cast as aforesaid, and the list of votes used as a  
check list for the reception of the aforesaid ballots  
all being done in open meeting, then on motion  
made and voted to that effect the meeting was  
dissolved

Recorded by  
Henry J. Brown  
Town Clerk

is certified that at a meeting of the Town Clerk & Representatives District No 10 in Hampden County Massachusetts held at the District Court Room at Palmer on Friday the sixteenth day of November A.D. 1888 at Noon for the purpose of examining and comparing the returns of votes <sup>cast</sup> in said District on Tuesday Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1888 by the several towns therein for Representative to the General Court and ascertain who had been elected.

The whole number of votes returned was ~~thirteen hundred~~ <sup>and thirty</sup> and were for the following persons viz:  
 For William W. Leach of Palmer Seven hundred & twelve votes  
 For Samuel W. Brown of Brimfield Five hundred & eighty votes  
 For Onerimus A. Parent of Palmer Sixty two votes  
 Blank Six votes

William W. Leach of Palmer having a plurality of the votes returned was declared elected.

### Vote by Towns

	For William W. Leach of Palmer	For Samuel W. Brown of Brimfield	For Onerimus A. Parent of Palmer	Blank	Total
Brimfield	107	92	13	1	213
Holland	32	12	1		45
Ludlow	147	58	23		228
Palmer	426	388	25	5	844
	712	550	62	6	1330

Henry H. Brown, Town Clerk of Brimfield  
 J. E. Hinney, Town Clerk of Holland  
 W. D. Fuller, Town Clerk of Ludlow  
 J. B. Shaw, Town Clerk of Palmer

Recorded by  
 Henry H. Brown  
 Town Clerk



Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 24, 1888

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss

To Francis E. Cook Constable of Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield Saturday the Twenty-fourth day of November, next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles

First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To see if the town will take measures to provide for the custody and proper care of Insane Paupers at the Almshouse, or act thereon

And if so pass all votes and orders that may be necessary for that purpose.

Third To hear and act on the report of any committee heretofore chosen.

Also To choose all committees and agents the action of the town on the foregoing, or other business of the town may require.

Fourth To see if the town will take any measures to suppress the illegal sale of Intoxicating Liquors in town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, one at the center Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post Office at East Brimfield and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Tinkers Mills, and to the Depot at West Brimfield, seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Shall fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of November, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty eight

Oscar F. Brown } Selectmen  
Frank B. Newton } Brimfield

Constables Return

Carrollton J. Brimfield November 24<sup>th</sup> 1888  
I have the within warrant as therein directed.

Francis E. Cook, Constable of Brimfield

November 24<sup>th</sup> 1888 The voters of Brimfield met at the Town Hall in response to the foregoing Warrant, meeting called to order by Henry Thorne Town Clerk, at one o'clock 50 minutes P.M. Warrant read and here the votes were received for Moderator, Whole number of votes nine (9) and were for Samuel W. Brown, one vote, and for Oscar F. Brown eight votes and he was declared Elected—

Resolved

By Orus E. Parker that the town take measures to provide at the Almshouse a place for the proper care and custody of our pauper Insane pauper.

Vote

On motion of Henry Thorne that the motion made by Orus E. Parker, also the subject matter of of the article in warrant be referred to a committee of five to examine into the questions involved and report at an adjourned meeting, carried by a vote of 8 in the Aff and one in the Negative.

And the Moderator appointed as said committee Henry F. Brown, Francis E. Cook, Orus E. Parker, Frank B. Newton and Samuel W. Brown



Noted On motion of Samuel W. Brown. that the Selectmen be instructed to prosecute all violation of the law, in this town, relating to the sale of Intoxicating liquors, and draw their order on the Town Treasurer for the necessary expenses incurred therefor

Noted To adjourn to meet on Monday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> next at one o'clock<sup>pm</sup> and the meeting was so adjourned

Adjourned Meeting Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1888

The Select of Benningfield met as for adjournment <sup>even referred</sup> the committee to whom the motion offered by Ues E. Parker. Was the subject matter of the 2<sup>d</sup> Article in the warrant submitted a written report, recorded on the next page.

The motion offered at the first meeting under the warrant, by Ues E. Parker was then adopted by vote of the town.

Noted On motion of Henry F. Brown that the town go forward and provide, at the Almshouse, for the proper care and custody of the Paupers Inmates, in accordance with the recommendations of the committee.

Noted That the Overseers of the Poor be authorised and empowered to make the aforesaid alterations and alterations

Noted That the meeting be adjourned without day and the meeting was so adjourned

Attest

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

Report of Committee  
Mr Moderator, and Gentlemen

Your committee to whom was referred  
the Second Article in the warrant for this meeting viz:

"To see if the town  
will take measures to provide for the custody and proper care  
of insane paupers, at the Almshouse, or elsewhere,

And if so.

Pass all vote and orders that may be necessary for that purpose."

Also the motion made  
by Oris B. Parker, "That the town provide a place at the  
Almshouse for the proper care and custody of our harmless  
insane paupers,"

Respect as follows viz:  
That if the present system of supporting the poor of the  
town is to be continued, (and your committee are  
unable to see how any other way that will be suitable,  
humane, and would be satisfactory to the town can be  
substituted); are of the opinion that it is expedient for  
the town to adopt and carry <sup>out</sup> the motion now pending.

For this purpose several propositions  
have been considered by your committee as follows viz;

- First. Build an addition of  $12 \times 16\frac{1}{2}$  feet South of the  
present Tramp room.
- Second. The erection of a wood shed (which is much needed)  
East of the driveway, and a Tramp room under  
the same.
- Third. To keep the Swine under the barn, and remove the Hog  
house to East of the house, using that for a wood  
house, and making a Tramp room under the same,  
it being understood, that in either of the last two propositions  
the descent of the ground will allow of a basement  
without much excavation, also that if either is  
adopted, the present Tramp room could be used  
for the Insane.
- Fourth. To build an addition story over the wood shed and  
Tramp room and a wood shed  $16 \times 10$  or more feet



in the rear of the present wood shed -

Wishing, before coming to a conclusion as to what to recommend to the town, to ascertain what would be the probable expense of the several propositions, Lieut. J. M. Lyon of Wales, was invited, and met the committee (except O. C. Parker who was unable to be present) on Thursday last, after an examination of the several plans, Mr. Lyon expressing the opinion that the Fourth proposition was the best for the town to adopt, and those of the committee present concurring in his views, he was asked to make an estimate of the expense therefor.

Which was received this A. M. and is as follows viz; To raise up the present wood shed and Tramp room one story by a floor over the same, finish off two rooms with siding to each, and stairway from lower floor. \$260,  
For wood shed - \$38.

This leaves a room  $19\frac{1}{2} \times 16\frac{1}{2}$  feet unfinished that can be used for storage, or other purposes, until such time as it may be required for the purposes this change is proposed, or otherwise -

That the town may act understandingly upon this matter it should be stated that the present roof over the wood shed and part of Tramp room about 28 of the 40 feet in length of the present building must be reshingled very soon, deducting the cost of this about \$25. to \$30, from the estimate and it leaves the additional <sup>cost</sup> of the proposed addition that much. The foregoing adds nothing to the present surface of roof to be supported, except for the wood shed, and we think will furnish ample room for all future contingencies, that may arise, at less expense for what is supplied than any other plan your committee have considered.

Submitted by

Wm. J. Brown  
J. S. Wash  
Frank B. Weston  
Charles W. Brown  
Committee

Received by  
Wm. J. Brown  
J. S. Wash  
Frank B. Weston  
Charles W. Brown  
Committee

Warrant for Town Meeting, April 1<sup>st</sup> 1889

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss

To Francis E. Cook, Constable of Brimfield

Meeting

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield Monday the first day of April next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles

First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. Also all committees and agents the business of the Town may require.

All officers required by law to be chosen by ballot (except Moderator and Town Clerk) must be on one ballot.

The Polls will be open at half past ten o'clock A.M. and may be closed at half past two o'clock P.M.

Third To hear reports of Officers and Agents heretofore chosen by the town, and act thereon -

Fourth To raise money for the support of schools, highways, town ways, bridges, payment of town debts, and to defray expenses for the ensuing year, and decide how the same shall be expended -

Fifth To see if the town will accept the list of jurors, as revised by the Selectmen,

Sixth To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year. Also to borrow money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof -



- Seventh To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.
- Eighth To see what disposition the town will make of their Dog Fund, or act thereon.
- Ninth To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.
- Tenth To see if the Town will cause to be printed the reports of their officers and agents, or any part of the same,
- Eleventh To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for State Aid.
- Twelfth To bring in their votes Yes or No upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town"
- Thirteenth To see what action the town will take in regard to claims made against the town for damages sustained by reason of defective highways.
- Fourteenth To see if the town will accept of the provisions of Chapter Four Hundred and thirty one (431) of the acts and Resolves of the year 1888, or act thereon.
- Fifteenth To see if the town will grant the free use of the Selectmen's Room to the Village Improvement Society for their business meetings.
- Also the use of any part of the Town Hall to said Society for a Public Reading Room, or act thereon,
- Sixteenth To see if the town will accept of the provisions of sections 74, 75, 76, and of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes.

Seventeenth To see if the town will take measures for the better protection against fires, or act thereon

Eighteenth To see if the town will take measures to keep in repair the bridge across Elbow Brook on the private way leading from near the house of Abner Thayer to School-house N<sup>o</sup> 3. or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, one at the Centre Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post Offices at East and West Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Fosket's Mills seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands  
this eighth day of March, in the year  
One Thousand Eight Hundred and eighty nine.

Orar F. Brown } Selectmen  
Josiah Stebbins } of  
Frank B. Newton } Brimfield

Brimfield April 1, 1889

I have served the within warrant as therein directed

Francis E. Cook

Constable of Brimfield

Copy of Warrant and  
Constable's return thereon

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown

Town Clerk



## Annual Meeting April 1<sup>st</sup> 1889

The voters of Brimfield met at the Town Hall in response to the foregoing warrant and were called to order by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk who read the warrant for the same. and appointed Samuel W. Brown, Frank B. Newton and Josiah Stebbins Tellers to assist him in checking the list of voters, receiving, and sorting, and counting the votes for Moderator, said Teller being duly sworn by Henry F. Brown, Justice of the Peace, at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock A.M. the polls were opened and the votes received for Moderator,

Whole number of votes for Moderator thirty one. and was for.

Samuel W. Brown, thirty votes

William A. James One vote

Samuel W. Brown, was declared elected, and accepted the office.

The Moderator appointed as Teller to assist him in checking the lists of voters, receiving, sorting, and counting the ballots, cast for Town Officers, also upon the question of License, Oscar F. Brown, Frank B. Newton, Josiah Stebbins and George W. Shuman and they were sworn by the Town Clerk.

Town Clerk

The votes were then received for Town Clerk. whole number of votes Forty four.

Henry F. Brown had Forty four votes and was declared elected, and sworn by the moderator.

The votes were then received for, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, Town Treasurer, School Committee for 3 years, Collector of Taxes and Constables.

Also, at the same time acted upon the 12<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant.

The votes, upon the question, Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? being received in the Cancelling Registering Ballot box.

*Noted* That while the aforesaid votes were being received the town proceed to the election of Officers not required to be elected by ballot.

*Noted* That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to report the name of a suitable person for a Library Director in place of Henry H. Brown whose term has expired

*Library Director* and the Moderator appointed Louis S. Brown, George M. Hitchcock and Edward W. Potter for said committee, and they reported the name of Rev W. H. Pierce and he was chosen to serve for three years.

*Noted* That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to nominate three Fence Viewers and he appointed Byron W. Chander, Orrin Hicks and Eliston S. Gould, who reported the names of Samuel W. Brown, David W. Jones and Alva Thayer for Fence Viewers. and they were elected and sworn.

*Noted* To choose Five Surveyors of Wood & Lumber and, John M. Smith, Thomas J. Morgan, D. Winslow Fosket, Horatio L. Converse and Norman S. Powers, were chosen - sworn

*Noted* To choose Four (4) Field Drivers, and Arthur B. Brown, Alva Thayer, Edward M. Morgan and George M. Shuter were chosen, and all sworn,

*Noted* To elect two Auditors. and the Moderator appointed a committee of three to nominate the same viz: F. M. Huston, M. S. Hubbard & John Shanly, who reported the names of Charles A. Hornor & Louis S. Brown, and they were chosen, and sworn



Voted To accept the report of the Selectmen  
Revising the list Junors.

Voted To suspend the transaction of town business  
for one hour until one o'clock P.M.  
except that the Polls are to be kept open  
for the reception of votes.

One o'clock P.M.  
met as per adjournment

Voted To reconsider the vote accepting the list of  
Junors as revised by the Selectmen.

Frank W. Bonds  
asked that his name be stricken from the  
list as reported and his request was granted.

Voted To accept the list as amended.

Voted To act on the 18<sup>th</sup> Article in the Warrant

Moved By Henry H. Brown to refer the subject  
matter of the 18<sup>th</sup> article to the Selectmen  
with authority to take such action in the  
matter as they find to be just and proper.  
not carried

Voted On motion of Thomas F. Morgan that  
the subject matter of the 18<sup>th</sup> Article be  
referred to the Selectmen, to examine the  
premises, hear Mr. Alva Thayer and others  
interested and report to the town at  
a future meeting.

Under Article 6<sup>th</sup> in the warrant it was

Voted That the Town Treasurer be authorised  
with the approval of the Selectmen to  
borrow money in anticipation of taxes  
for the current year and give the notes  
of the town therefor.

Authority to

Borrow Money

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Voted

That the Town Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans or any part thereof and to issue the notes of the town therefor.

The above passed by a vote of Thirty five in the Affirmative, Nays none.

Voted

Discount and  
Compensation of  
Collector &c

On motion of Abner Thayer that the Discount on taxes, the compensation of Collector of taxes be the same as last year, that the Collector have the same duties and be subject to the same conditions as the collector for last year see Page 454.

Voted

Authority to  
Collector of Taxes

That the Collector be authorized to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may see when appointed collector.

Voted

Dog Fund

That the Dog Fund be appropriated for the purchase of books for the Public Library —

Voted

Annual Reports

That the Reports of the Officers of the town be published at the close of the year and include the same as those for the past year,

Voted

State Aid

To appropriate the State Aid to be repaid by the State, and the sum of Fifty dollars for State Aid for the current year.

Claims for  
Damages on  
Highways

The 13<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant being under consideration. The Selectmen by their Chairman Oscar F. Brown reported to the town the claims which had been served upon the town claiming damages for injuries received upon highways viz; by M. P. Hanley of Stafford the 6<sup>th</sup> Francis Allen of Patuxon, and Edward M. Sibley of Warren —

Voted

That the claim of M. P. Hanley be repaid



to the Selectmen, with full power and authority in the name and behalf of the town to take such action in the matter as they <sup>find</sup> to be necessary and proper to protect the interests of the town, and do justly by the claimant —

Noted That action on the claim of Francis Allen is indefinitely postponed —

This vote was afterwards reconsidered, and it was

Noted To refer the claim of Francis Allen of Patuxent and the claim of Warren to the Selectmen with the same powers and duties as given in the case of M. P. Manly —

The 14<sup>th</sup> Article in the warrant being under consideration.

Submitted  
of  
School

Louis S. Brown, submitted for the consideration and action of the town the following Resolutions and votes, and moved they be adopted by the town viz;

Resolved That this town accept the provisions of Chapter 431 of the Acts of 1888, and take measures to secure the benefits to be derived therefrom.

Noted That the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the purpose contemplated by the act

Noted That this town unite with the towns of Monson, Wales, Holland, Sturbridge, Charstone, Brookfield, and West Brookfield, or with one or more of them, for the purpose of the employment of a Superintendent of schools under the provisions of the aforesaid act.

All the foregoing  
voted by the town

Under Article 15<sup>th</sup> in the Warrant.

*Selected* That the Village Improvement Association be allowed the free use of the Selectmen's Room for their business meetings -  
*Allowed Village Imp Association* 700

*Voted* That the town authorize the Library Director to allow the Village Improvement Association the use of the Library Room for a Public Reading Room on such terms and conditions as they find to be just and proper.

Under Art 16<sup>th</sup> in the Warrant, Henry H. Brown moved that action on the same be indefinitely postponed, not carried, the vote being 14 in the Affirmative. May 20.

*Voted* To accept of the provisions of sections 74, 75, 76 and 77 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes  
*Road Commissioners*

*Voted* That when this meeting adjourn it be adjourned to meet on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> at one o'clock P.M.

*Voted* That a committee of seven be appointed to consider the question of repair of roads, and report the names of six suitable persons as candidates for Road Commissioners, and report at the adjourned meeting -  
*Committee on Road Repairs* The Moderator appointed for this committee, Newton S. Hubbard, D. Winslow Fosket, Byron W. Charles, Thomas J. Morgan, John Shanly, Foster A. Parker, and Louis S. Brown -

Article 17<sup>th</sup> in the Warrant, being before the meeting, Byron W. Charles, moved to lay the same upon the table - and it was so voted

*Close of Polls* At two and a half o'clock P.M. the hour named in the Warrant for closing the Polls, no motion



having been made to extend the time, the Polls for the Election of Town officers were closed. Also. On the question of License —

The votes were sorted, counted and declaration thereof made in open meeting as follows; Whole number of Ballots 109

For Selectmen P. P. Parker, P. A. Parker and W. S. Hubbard had two votes each, Arthur J. Daniels had six votes, Byron H. Shadler had thirty votes, Josiah Stebbins had eighty eight votes, Oscar F. Brown had ninety four votes, Orrin Hicks had ninety seven votes.

Oscar F. Brown, Josiah Stebbins and Orrin Hicks, were declared elected as Selectmen and sworn.

For Assessors Arthur J. Daniels, Edward M. Morgan, Charles A. Homer and William A. Jones had one vote each, Charles S. Tarbell and Thomas J. Morgan had two votes each, George M. Hitchcock had three votes, Samuel W. Brown had One Hundred votes, John Shandy had One Hundred and six votes, George W. Shuman had One Hundred and seven votes.

Samuel W. Brown, John Shandy and George W. Shuman, were declared elected Assessors, and sworn.

For Overseers of the Poor Charles A. Homer, William M. Shaw, Daniel Haynes, James Boyer, and George M. Hitchcock, had one vote each, Porter A. Parker, had two votes, Orus C. Parker had Sixteen votes, Peter W. Moore, had Thirty four votes, Jonathan P. Webber, had Forty seven votes, Cheney Newton had One Hundred and five votes, and Francis C. Cook had One Hundred and eight votes.

Francis C. Cook, Cheney Newton & Jonathan P. Webber, were declared, elected Overseers of the Poor, and Francis C. Cook and Cheney Newton were sworn.

- For Treasurer Charles A. Homer, and Charles S. Tarbell had one vote each. Henry F. Brown had One Hundred and four votes and Henry F. Brown was declared elected, and
- For School Committee. Eliza C. Marsh, Francis B. Cook, James Read. Brown and Thomas J. Morgan, had one vote each, John Smith had, Three votes, Amiel L. Brown, had Five votes, George M. Steeter, had Ninety five votes, and was declared Elected,
- For Collector of Taxes, Jonathan P. Webber, had Three votes, Charles S. Tarbell had One Hundred and six votes, and Charles S. Tarbell was declared Elected and sworn
- For Constables Francis B. Cook and Orrin Hicks had One Hundred and nine votes each, and they were declared Elected, and sworn
- License  
or  
No. License
- On the Question, "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating liquors in this Town" The whole number of Ballots was Ninety four (94) and were  
Yes. Twenty (20)  
No. Seventy four (74)
- After sealing up the Ballots cast at this Election, and the Lists of votes used thereof.
- Noted That the meeting be adjourned to meet as previously voted, and it was so adjourned



## Adjourned Meeting April 8. 1889

The voters of Brimfield met as per adjournment and were called to order at one o'clock and 15 minutes P.M. by the Moderator, Samuel W. Brown.

Overseer of  
The Poor

The votes were received for one Overseer of the Poor to fill the vacancy caused by the declination of Jonathan P. Webber -

Whole number of Nineteen (19)  
George M. Hitchcock had one vote, Peter W. Moore had Eighteen votes and was declared elected, and sworn.

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To accept the Reports of the Officers of the Town as printed and submitted -

Alex F. Brown, Chairman of the Selectmen presented and read the report of the Selectmen on Guide <sup>Boards</sup>, which by vote of the town was accepted.

The following appropriations were then voted as follows viz;

For Highway repairs	1500 00
" Bridges	150 00
" Snow paths	150 00
" Schools	1350 00
" Conveyance of pupils, text books etc	150 00
" Salaries of School Committee	100 00
" Support of Paupers	1400 00
" Officers salaries	500 00
" Miscellaneous expenses	730 00
" Interest on town debt	90 00
" Discount on taxes	330 00

A motion to raise Two Hundred dollars for the repair of school houses was made by Louis S. Brown.

*Noted* On motion of Dr B. B. Sawin to lay the motion made by Louis S. Brown on the table.

*Noted* That a committee of Five be appointed to examine School-house No 6 and report, as to its condition and what repairs should be made thereon, at an adjourned meeting.

The Moderator appointed the following persons for that committee, viz;  
Dr B. B. Sawin, Urs E. Parker, Louis S. Brown, Chester Scarborough, and Albert Woodard.

*Noted* That when this meeting adjourns that it be adjourned to meet on Monday April 22, at one o'clock P. M.

*Moved* By Charles E. Tarbell, to reconsider the vote whereby the town accepted Sections 74, 75, 76 and 77 of Chap 27 of the Public Statutes, not carried - The vote was Aff 17 Nays 29.

*Report of Committee* The committee appointed to nominate six suitable persons for Road Commissioners, by Louis S. Brown, reported as follows,  
Henry Blodgett, for Road Commissioners for 1 year  
Byron W. Charles, " " " 2. "  
Oliver J. Plimpton " " " 3. "

*Noted* That the report be recommitted with instructions to the committee to report the names of six persons as per the vote of the town.

The committee reported the following names in addition to those previously reported, viz; Sanford Booth, Orrin Hicks, Albert Woodard.

*Over*



The votes were then received for a Road Commissioner for one year.

Road Commissioner Whole number of votes Fifty one 51

For one year For Byron W. Charles one vote 1

" Orrin Hicks one vote 1

" Oliver J. Plimpton Three votes 3

" Henry Blodgett Forty six votes 46 = 51

And Henry Blodgett, was declared elected as Road Commissioner for One year & sworn

Road Commissioner The votes were then received for a Road Commissioner for Two Years for Two years.

Whole number of votes Fifty seven 57

For Albert Woodard, Twenty three votes 23

" Byron W. Charles, Thirty four votes 34 = 57

And Byron W. Charles, was declared elected as Road Commissioner for Two years & sworn

Road Commissioner The votes were then received for a Road Commissioner for Three Years for Three years.

Whole number of votes Forty six 46

Oliver J. Plimpton, had Forty six votes 46

And was declared elected and when notified declined to serve

The chairman of the Selectmen, Oscar F. Brown, reported to the town that it appeared from returns made by the several Highways Surveyors to the Selectmen, that there was need of 495 rods of new railing for the highways in town

Showed By - Hoar B. Baker, that of the \$1500. raised for highways, Three hundred dollars be expended for railing for highways. not carried  
Aff. 19. May 20

Voted On motion of Oscar F. Brown, that \$200. of the \$1500. raised for highways be expended for railing for highways. adopted by a vote of Aff 27. May 5

Voted On motion of Louis S. Brown to reconsider the vote passed at the last meeting, "That the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200, for the purposes contemplated by this act,"

Voted On motion of Louis S. Brown to amend the original motion by adding thereto the following, provided however if a sufficient number of the towns named in the following vote, fail to unite for the purposes contemplated by the act, this appropriation shall thereby become null and void.

Voted To adopt the motion as amended as follows, viz: That the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200, for the purposes contemplated by the act. Provided however if a sufficient number of the towns named in the following vote, fail to unite for the purposes contemplated by the act, this appropriation shall thereby ~~become~~ become null and void.

Voted On motion of Moses H. Baker to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned to meet on Monday April 22. Inst at one o'clock P.M.

Adjourned Town Meeting, April 22, 1889

Adjourned  
Meeting

The voters of Brimfield met as per adjournment, and were called to order by the Moderator Samuel W. Brown, at one o'clock and 13 minutes P.M.

Declaration of  
O. J. Plimpton

The Declaration of Oliver J. Plimpton, of the office of Road Commissioner for 3 years was presented and read by the Town Clerk, and accepted by vote of the town -

Appointment  
of  
Teller

Louis S. Brown, was then appointed Teller to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of George W. Sherman, (the appointment being made by the Selectmen,) and sworn by the Town Clerk.



The vote was then received for a Road Commissioner to serve for 3 years to fill the vacancy caused by the declination of Oliver J. Hinnefont.

Fill vacancy

Whole number of votes thirty six (36)  
George M. Hitchcock had thirty six votes and was declared Elected, and sworn by the Town Clerk,

Noted

To take the motion made by Louis S. Brown to raise Two Hundred dollars (\$200) for the repair of School-houses from the table.

Report of  
Committee

The committee previously appointed to examine and report as to the repairs needed on School house No 6. made an oral report estimating that the house could be suitably repaired at an expense of \$150.

Noted

To raise Two Hundred dollars for the repair of School-houses—

Noted

That a committee of two be appointed to act with the School Committee in repairing School-house No 6

The Moderator appointed, Orus E. Parker and William A. Gilbert as that committee. Orus E. Parker, declining to serve, Thomas J. Morgan was appointed in his place.

Noted

Committee to  
report on  
compensation  
of

On motion of Moses H. Baker, that a committee of three be appointed to report to the town what would be a proper compensation for the services of the Road Commissioners.

Road Commissioners  
and  
in labor and use  
of teams

The amount to be paid for labor and use of teams, in repairing the highways—

And the Moderator appointed, Moses H. Baker, J. Winslow Fasket and John Shanly, as that committee—

Report of  
Committee

The foregoing Committee reported that the town pay the Road Commissioners Twenty cents (.20), per hour for their services.

And Fifteen cents (.15) per hour to men for labor on the highways, and the same for the use of a team.

Noted To accept and adopt that part of the report relating to the compensation of the Road Commissioners.

And that the remainder of the report be passed over without action.

Moved By Henry F. Brown, that of the amount of money appropriated for the repair of highways (in the amount set apart for railings) two thirds at least shall be laid out and expended, for that purpose before the first day of July next, and not to exceed \$1100, before the first day of September next, and after the last named date only such repairs shall be made as are necessary for the safety of the traveller.

Not carried

Noted On motion of Henry F. Brown, that as the Selectmen, in accordance with the authority conferred upon them by the town, have secured the discontinuance of the Fenton and Nutting bridges, and certain roads therewith connected, Also the location of a new road, for the construction of which they have contracted in accordance with the order of the County Commissioners, and specifications in detail as agreed upon by the Selectmen subject to their supervision and inspection -

Therefore  
Noted That the Selectmen have the care and charge of the construction of the aforesaid new road until its completion and acceptance according to the contracts therefore -

500



Noted On motion of Henry F. Brown, that the several sums of money raised at this meeting be appropriated for the several purposes named <sup>herewith</sup> and that the same be assessed upon the polls and estate for the current year (except as otherwise provided) viz:

For Highways	1500 00
" Bridges	150 00
" Snow	150 00
" Schools	1350 00
" Conveyance, Text books and supplies	150 00
" Services of School Committee	100 00
" Superintendent of Schools, conditional	200 00
" School house repairs	200 00
" Support of Paupers	1400 00
" Officers salaries	500 00
" Miscellaneous expenses	730 00
" Interest on Town Debt	90 00
" State aid, <sup>amount</sup> repaid, and \$50,	50 00
" Discount on taxes	330 00
	\$6900.00

Noted On motion of Henry F. Brown, that so much of the cash in the hands of the Town Treasurer as may be required therefor be appropriated for the payment of the outstanding bills of last year, and the same not to be charged against the appropriations for the current year, and the balance of said cash in the Treasurers hands, with so much of the uncollected tax of 1888 as may be required therefor be appropriated for the construction of the new road in the West part of the town, and for the payment of town debts.

Cemetery  
Committee

Edward W. Potter was chosen Cemetery Committee for two years, and Henry Newton was chosen for one year to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Frank R. Newton

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

# Town Officers for the year 1889-90

<b>Clerk &amp; Treasurer</b>	School Committee, Town Ends		Road Com. & Overseers, Town Ends	
Henry F. Brown	Robert W. Paine,	1890	Henry Blodgett,	1890
	Newton S. Hubbard	1891	Byron W. Charles,	1891
<b>Selectmen</b>	George C. Strutter	1892	George C. Hitchcock	* 1892
Oscar F. Brown			John L. Chaffee Jr	1890
Josiah Stebbins	Library Director, Town Ends			
Orrin Hicks	Charles A. Homer	1890	Surveyors of Wood & Land	
	Louis S. Brown	1891	John M. Smith	
<b>Assessors</b>	Wm W. K. Pierce	1892	Thomas J. Morgan	
Samuel W. Brown			J. Winslow Folsom	
John Shanley	Overseers of the Poor		Horatio L. Gougeon	
George W. Sherman	Francis E. Cook		Norman S. Powers	
	Henry Newton			
<b>Collector</b>	Peter W. Moore		Field Drivers	
Charles S. Tarbell			Arthur B. Brown	
	Fence Viewers		Alva Thayer	
<b>Auditors</b>	Samuel W. Brown		Edward B. Morgan	
Charles A. Homer	David W. James		George M. Strutter	
Louis S. Brown	Alva Thayer			
			<b>Sexton</b>	
<b>Constables</b>	Cemetery Committee, Town Ends		George M. Hitchcock	
Francis E. Cook	Henry Newton	1890		
Orrin Hicks	Edward W. Potter	1891	* Resigned	

## List of Jurors for 1889-90

Orrin E. Parker	Henry Blodgett	Melvin Booth
Horace E. James	Miss S. Booth	George L. Agard
Emory Livermore	John Shanley	Oliver J. Phinestone
Joseph Bates	Charles A. Homer	John E. Farrell
F. Edgar Brown		

Recorded by  
 Henry F. Brown  
 Town Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Sampson J.

To either of the Constables of the town of  
Brimfield Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth you are required  
to notify and cause the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield  
qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town Hall  
in Brimfield on Monday the twenty second day of April  
A.D. 1889 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and at half past  
ten o'clock in the afternoon the polls will be opened to bring in  
their votes. Yes or No, on the following proposed  
Amendment to the Constitution, viz;

Article of Amendment

The manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors to be  
used as a beverage are prohibited. The General Court  
shall enact suitable legislation to enforce the provisions  
of this article.

The Selectmen fix the time for closing the Polls  
at half past two o'clock P. M.

And you are directed to serve this  
warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at the Town Hall  
one at the center Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post  
Office at East and West Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise  
sending a copy to Foshitt's Mills, seven days at least before the  
time for holding said meeting

And if fail not, and make due  
return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the  
Selectmen at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighth  
day of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand  
Eight Hundred and eighty nine

Oscar F. Brown, Selectmen  
Josiah Stobbins of  
Green Hicks of Brimfield

Sampson J.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1889

I have served the foregoing warrant  
as therein directed

Recorded by F. E. Cook, Constable of Brimfield  
Henry W. Brown, Town Clerk

Meeting to act on the proposed Amendment to the Constitution.

In response to the aforesaid Warrant the voters of Brimfield assembled at the Town Hall on Monday April 22, 1889, and were called to order at 10 o'clock and 27 minutes A.M. by Oscar F. Brown, chairman of the Selectmen, after the reading of the warrant for the meeting, the Selectmen appointed, George M. Hitchcock a person known to be in favor of the proposed amendment, and Charles S. Farbell, a person known to be opposed to the proposed amendment. Tellus to assist them in receiving, sorting and counting the votes cast, and they were duly sworn by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk. And the Town Clerk appointed two vote distributors viz, Sherry Newton, publicly known to be in favor of the proposed amendment, and Oliver W. Gardner opposed to said proposed amendment, to whom the votes in the affirmative and negative were delivered for distribution.

The Ballot Box provided for the town in accordance with the requirements of Chap 299, of the Acts of 1884, was then opened and found to be empty, the Register indicating 000, the Ballot Box was then closed and locked, and the key handed to Orrin Hicks one of the Constables of the town of Brimfield, and the Polls were then at 10 o'clock and 33 minutes A.M. were opened for the reception of votes, and remained open until 2 o'clock and 33 minutes P.M. when no vote having been taken to extend the time the Polls were closed, the Register, indicating that 131 ballots had been cast, and the count of the names checked on the list of voters showed that 131 person had voted, the key was then received from Orrin Hicks, Constable, and the ballot box was opened and the ballots therein counted in the manner required by law, and One Hundred and thirty one ballots found therein,



The votes were then sorted, counted and declaration  
 thereof made in open meeting as follows, viz:  
 Total number of vote. One Hundred & thirty one (131)  
 For the Amendment Yes Sixty (60)  
 Against the Amendment No Seventy one (71)  
 Total. One Hundred & thirty one (131)

After making out, signing, and sealing up the  
 return of the aforesaid vote, also sealing up  
 the Ballots cast as aforesaid, and the check list  
 used at the reception of the aforesaid ballots,  
 all being done in open meeting.

Then on a motion for  
 that purpose made, and voted the meeting  
 was dissolved

Recorded by  
 Henry J. Brown  
 Town Clerk

Brimfield April 27<sup>th</sup> 1889

To Henry J. Brown  
 Town Clerk of Brimfield

This certifies that we have  
 this day appointed John L. Chaffee Jr. Road  
 Commissioner to fill the vacancy caused  
 by the resignation of Geo. B. Hitchcock, to hold  
 office until another is chosen at the next  
 Annual meeting and qualified in his  
 stead

Oscar F. Brown, Selectman  
 Orin Hicks of  
 Brimfield

Brimfield April 30<sup>th</sup> 1889

Personally appeared John  
 L. Chaffee Jr. and was duly sworn  
 as Road Commissioner by

Henry J. Brown  
 Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 Springfield

This is to certify that on the seventh day of June A.D. 1889 Jacques Bouthillier of said Springfield having been duly appointed a special Special Police Officer, appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for said County and was duly sworn to a faithful performance of his duties as such Special Police Officer

Arthur E. Fitch

Justice of the Peace

Recorded from the original by

Henry H. Brown

Town Clerk

Petition for a Town Meeting

Springfield June 6<sup>th</sup> 1889

To the Selectmen of the town of Springfield  
 Gentlemen

The undersigned citizen of Springfield believing it for the interest of said town to own one of the American Champion Scrapers do hereby petition that a town meeting be called at an early date to provide for the purchase of said Scraper.

O. C. Parker	E. M. Morgan	Amos Munroe
B. W. Charles	Henry Newton	W. G. Parker
J. F. Lombard	F. E. Webster	Geo W. Sherman
J. L. Bacon	Wm S. James	Everett Sherman
Joseph Gates	Thomas D. Cole	S. W. Brown
J. L. Chaffee	Henry Blodgett	F. J. Parker

Recorded from the original

By

Henry H. Brown

Town Clerk



## Warrant for Town Meeting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
BrimfieldTo either of the Constables of Brimfield  
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield, Saturday the twenty second day of June, ~~instant~~ at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles

First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To see if the town will vote to purchase one of the American Champion Scrapers and if so, to raise money to carry the same into effect.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by pasting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, one at the center Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post Office at East and West Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise a copy to Fashets Mills, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this twelfth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine

Oscar F. Brown, Selectman  
Josiah Stebbins, of  
Oren Hicks, Brimfield

Brimfield June 22, 1889

I have served the within warrant

as therein directed.

F. E. Cook, Constable of Brimfield

Recorded by Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 22, 1889

The votes of Brimfield assembled at the Town on Saturday June 22, 1889, were called to order by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk, after the reading of the warrant. The votes were received for a Moderator, whole number of votes, nine (9) Oscar F. Brown, had 9 votes and was elected.

Voted On motion of Thomas J. Morgan to purchase this machine -

Voted On motion of Samuel W. Brown that one half of the expense of the cost of the machine be charged to the appropriation for the repair of highways, and the other half to the appropriation for Miscellaneous expenses

Voted That the meeting be dissolved and it was so done

Recorded by  
Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



Warrant for Election November 5<sup>th</sup> 1889

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co.

To either of the Constables of the Town of  
Brimfield Meeting

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield Tuesday, the fifth day of November next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and at half past ten o'clock o'clock (at which time the Polls will be opened) to bring in their votes to the Selectmen who will preside at said meeting. for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and Attorney General of the Commonwealth. One Councillor ~~for Council~~ for Councillor District No 8. One Senator for first Hampden District. District Attorney for the Western District. Sheriff. One County Commissioner. Two Special Commissioners, and Three Commissioners of Insolvency for Hampden County, One Representative for District No 10 in Hampden County to represent said District in the next General Court of this Commonwealth —

All on one Ballot

The Selectmen fix the time for closing the Polls at half past two o'clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, one at the center Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post Office at East and West Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Foshets Mills seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Be careful not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen of said Brimfield at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands

this twenty first day of October in the year One Thousand  
eight hundred and eighty nine

Oscar F. Brown } Selectmen  
Joniah Stetbin } of  
Orin Hicks } Brimfield

Mansfield vs Brimfield November 5<sup>th</sup> 1889  
I have served the within warrant as therein  
directed

Francis E. Cook, Constable of Brimfield

A true copy of the warrant, and Constable  
return thereon

Attest  
Henry F. Brown.  
Town Clerk

### Election November 5<sup>th</sup> 1889

In response to the foregoing Warrant the voters  
of Brimfield assembled at the the Town Hall  
on Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> 1889 and were called  
to order, by Oscar F. Brown, chairman of the Selectmen,  
at 10. o. clock and 9 minutes A. M. after the reading of  
the warrant, the Selectmen <sup>appointed</sup> Francis E. Cook and James  
Hoyes, Tellers to assist them in keeping the check list  
for reception of votes, receiving, sorting and counting  
the votes cast, and the Tellers so appointed were duly  
sworn by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk, the Selectmen  
gave notice that they had appointed John Shanley  
and F. Edgar Brown, Inspectors, who would act  
as Ballot Clerks, also that they had appointed William  
A. James, and Samuel W. Brown as Deputy  
Inspectors, to act as Inspectors and Ballot Clerks  
when either of the Inspectors were absent or unable  
to attend to the duties of their office, and the  
said Inspectors and Deputy Inspectors were sworn  
by the Town Clerk.

The Selectmen appointed Louis S.  
Brown to have charge of the entrance to the space



within the Guard Rail of the voting compartments, also to keep the time each voter occupies a compartment.

The chairman of the Selectmen then received, and gave his receipt to the Town Clerk for one package said to contain the first Lot of 500 Official Ballots, Specimen Ballots and Cards of Instructions. The seals of the Package were broken in open meeting and the same was opened by Orrin F. Brown, chairman of the Selectmen, who delivered the Ballots, and a duplicate list of voters, to the Inspectors and Ballot-clerk, also to Louis S. Brown, the Entree and Timekeeper. One card of Instruction and one specimen Ballot was posted in each of the four voting compartments. And three of the Cards of Instruction and five of the specimen Ballots were posted in and about the Polling room outside the Guard rail.

The Ballot Box was then opened in the presence of the voter, and found to be empty. The Register standing at 000 the ballot box was then closed and locked and the key <sup>given</sup> to Orrin Hicks, Constable.

The Polls were then at ten o'clock and forty five minutes A. M. opened for the reception of votes and remained open until two o'clock and forty five minutes P. M. when they were closed in accordance with a vote of the town therefore as follows viz:

Noted On motion of Samuel W. Brown that the time for closing the Polls be fixed at two o'clock and forty five minutes P. M., carried by a vote of 17 yeas, to their own naps.

The Register at that time indicating that 160 ballots had been cast, a count of the names checked on the list of voters showed that 160 persons had voted.

The key of the Ballot box was then received from Oliver Hicks, Constable and the Ballot box was unlocked and opened, and a count of the ballots therein showed that One Hundred and sixty ballots had been received,

And a count of the ballots in the hands of the Ballot Clubs showed that they had delivered to voters 161 ballots, one of which had been returned to <sup>them</sup> and cancelled leaving 339 ballots in their hands not called for or used.

The Ballots were then sorted, counted and declaration thereof made in open Town meeting as follows viz:

For Governor	John Blackmer, of Springfield, had Twenty one votes	
	John A. Brackett, of Abington, had Seventy seven votes	
	William E. Russell, of Cambridge had Fifty five votes	
	Blank votes	Seven
For Lieutenant Governor	John W. Gorham, of Clinton, had Fifty two votes	
	William B. Maile, of Springfield had Eighty votes	
	Benjamin F. Sturtevant, of Boston, had Eighteen votes	
	Blank votes	Four
For Secretary of State	George I. Brittenber, of Buckland, had Twenty votes	
	William R. Osgood, of Boston had Forty eight votes	
	Henry B. Pierce, of Abington had Seventy eight votes	
	Blank votes	Fourteen
For Treasurer and Receiver General	George A. March, of Lowell, had Eighty one votes	
	Edwin L. Mann, of Holyoke had Forty eight votes	
	Fredric L. Wing, of Ashburnham, had Seventeen votes	
	Blank votes	Fourteen
For Auditor	William B. Cleason, of Boston, had Eighteen votes	
	Charles B. Ladd, of Springfield, had Eighty nine votes	
	William D. T. Trefry, of Marblehead, had Forty one votes	
	Blank votes	Twelve
Attorney General	Allen Coffin, of Nantucket, had Twenty votes	
	Elisha B. Maynard, of Springfield had Forty nine votes	
	Andrew J. Waterman, of Pittsfield, had Seventy eight votes	
	Blanks, Thirteen	over



For Counsellor  
Eighth District

George W. Andrews, of Dalton had Twenty votes  
Lewis Warner, of Northampton, had Forty seven votes  
Ashley B. Wright, of North Adams, had Seventy six votes  
Blank votes Seventeen

For District Attorney  
Western District

William B. Brooks, of Holyoke, had Seventy three votes  
Charles E. Hubbard, of Pittsfield had Fifty one votes  
Billing Palmer, of Great Barrington, had Twenty votes  
Blank votes Sixteen

For Sheriff

Franklin H. Arthur, of Westfield had Nineteen votes  
Simon Brooks, of Springfield, had Forty six votes  
Joseph S. Noble, of Springfield, had Eighty four votes  
Blank votes Eleven

For County Commissioners

Harvey D. Bagg, of West Springfield had Eighty votes  
Alanson Towne, of Springfield, had Seventeen votes  
Ansel F. Wilder, of Chicopee, had Fifty votes  
Blank votes Thirteen

For Special Commissioners

William H. Brainard, of Palmer, had Eighty one votes  
Benjamin F. Burr, of Ludlow, had Seventy six votes  
Monroe Heywood, of Agawam, had Sixteen votes  
Hubbard Lawrence, of Palmer, had Eighteen votes  
F. F. Macey, of Palmer, had Forty eight votes  
Roland Parks, of Russell, had Thirty nine votes  
Blank votes Forty two

For Commissioners  
of Insolvency

Henry C. Bliss, of West Springfield had Seventy seven votes  
Willis S. Collogg, of Westfield, had Seventy four votes  
Thomas Hennepich, of Palmer, had Forty one votes  
James B. Mooney, of Holyoke, had Eighteen votes  
Richard Morrissey, of Westfield, had Forty one votes  
Albert S. Newton, of Springfield, had Nineteen votes  
Francis M. Boston, of Chicopee, had Sixteen votes  
James Tierney, of Holyoke, had Thirty eight votes  
Daniel C. Webster, of Springfield, had Seventy three votes  
Blank votes Eighty three

For Senator, First  
Hampden District Samuel W. Brown, of Brimfield had Eighty three votes  
Edwin D. Metcalf, of Springfield, had Seventy two votes  
Alfred W. Richardson, of Springfield had Sixteen votes  
Blank votes Nine

For Representative  
10<sup>th</sup> Hampden District Charles A. Homer, of Brimfield, had Eighty one votes  
Horace H. Sanders, of Palmer, had Fifty four votes  
Willard H. Stowe, of Palmer, had Sixteen votes  
Blank votes Nine

After making out, signing and sealing up the returns of  
the aforesaid, also sealing the Ballots cast as aforesaid  
also the lists of voters used by the Selectmen as a  
check list for the reception of votes, and the one used  
by the Ballot Clerks for the delivery of Ballots to voters  
all being done in open meeting, then on motion  
made and voted to that effect the meeting was  
dissolved

Recorded by  
Henry G. Brown  
Town Clerk

This certifies that I have caused the Ballots cast  
at the Election held at Brimfield November  
5<sup>th</sup> 1889 to be destroyed in accordance with  
the provisions of Chap 7<sup>th</sup> Section 34<sup>th</sup> of  
the Public Statutes

Henry G. Brown  
Town Clerk



This certifies that at a meeting of the Town Clerk of Representative District No 10 in Hampden County Massachusetts held at the District Court room at Palmer on Friday the fifteenth day of November A.D. 1889 at Noon for the purpose of examining and comparing the returns of votes cast in said District on Tuesday Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1889 by the several towns therein for Representatives to the General Court and ascertain who had been elected. The whole number of votes returned was nine hundred and forty one (941) and were for Charles A. Homer of Brimfield Three hundred and ninety eight (398) For Horace H. Sanders of Palmer Four hundred and fifty five (455) For Willard H. Stowe of Palmer Eighty eight (88) Blank votes eighty eight (88) Horace H. Sanders, of Palmer having a plurality of the votes returned was declared Elected.

### Vote by Towns

	for Charles A. Homer of Brimfield	for Horace H. Sanders of Palmer	for Willard H. Stowe of Palmer	Blank	Total
Brimfield	81	54	16	9	160
Holland	25	13	1	00	39
Ludlow	95	58	34	6	193
Palmer	197	330	37	73	637
	398	455	88	88	1029

Henry J. Horon, Town Clerk of Brimfield  
 F. E. Kenney, Town Clerk of Holland  
 A. M. Bartlett, Town Clerk of Ludlow  
 J. B. Shaw, Town Clerk of Palmer

Recorded by  
 Henry J. Horon  
 Town Clerk

## Appointment

Brimfield August 5, 1889

To Henry F. Brown,  
Town Clerk

This certifies that we have appointed  
Elmer W. Gordon to take charge of the burial of  
certain Soldiers, Sailors and Marines as provided in  
Chap. 395 acts of 1889

Oscar F. Brown, Selectman  
Josiah Stebbins }  
Orin Hicks } of  
Brimfield

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk

To Henry F. Brown

Clerk of the Town of Brimfield

This certifies that the undersigned Selectmen and  
School Committee of Brimfield, after giving  
due notice met Wednesday evening Dec 11, 1889  
and Elected Louis S. Brown to fill the vacancy  
in the board of School Committee caused by  
the resignation of Newton S. Hubbard -  
Brimfield Dec 11, 1889

Oscar F. Brown, Selectman  
Josiah Stebbins }  
Orin Hicks }

Robert V. Sawin, School  
George H. Struter } Committee

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



## Perambulations

To Henry F. Brown, Clerk of the Town of Brimfield

Agreeably to notice given the town of Sturbridge by the town of Brimfield to meet on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 1889 for the purpose of Perambulating and running the lines between the said towns, and renewing the marks and bounds, we the subscribers Selectmen of said <sup>towns</sup> have met at the time aforesaid and renewed the several marks and bounds

In witness whereof we have hereunto mutually set our hands, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 1889

N. D. Ladd } Selectmen  
W<sup>m</sup> H. Shumway } of  
James Nolan } Sturbridge

Josiah Stebbins } Selectmen  
Orin Hicks } Brimfield

To Henry F. Brown, Clerk of the Town of Brimfield

Agreeably to notice given to the Town of Holland by the Town of Brimfield to meet on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1889 for the purpose of Perambulating and running the lines between the said towns, and renewing the marks and bounds, we the subscribers, Selectmen of said towns have met at the time aforesaid and renewed the several marks and bounds.

In witness whereof we have mutually hereunto set our hands this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1889

G. L. Webber } Selectmen  
W<sup>m</sup> S. Wallis } Holland

Josiah Stebbins } Selectmen  
Orin Hicks } Brimfield

To Henry F. Brown. Clerk of the Town of Brimfield  
Agreeably to notice given to the  
Town of Wales by the Town ~~the Town~~ of Brimfield to meet  
on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1889, for the purpose  
of Perambulating and running the lines between  
the said towns and renewing the marks and  
bounds, we the subscribers. Selectmen of said towns  
have met at the time aforesaid, and renewed  
the several marks and bounds.

In witness whereof we have  
mutually hereunto set our hands this 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of November 1889

Edw Roy Squire } Selectmen  
W. A. McFarland } Wales

Oscar F. Brown } Selectmen  
Josiah Stebbins } Brimfield

To Henry F. Brown. Clerk of the Town of Brimfield  
Agreeably to notice given to the  
Town of Palmer by the Town of Brimfield to meet  
on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1889, for the purpose  
of Perambulating and running the lines between  
the said towns, and renewing the marks and  
bounds, we the subscribers. Selectmen of said  
towns, have met at the time aforesaid, and  
renewed the several marks and bounds.

In witness whereof we have  
mutually hereunto set our hands this 29<sup>th</sup>  
day of November 1889

W. M. Brainard } Selectmen  
M. J. Dillon } Palmer

Oscar F. Brown } Selectmen  
Josiah Stebbins } Brimfield



To Henry F. Brown, Clerk of the Town of Brimfield  
 Agreeably to notice given to the Town  
 of Warren by the Town of Brimfield. to meet on the 30<sup>th</sup>  
 day of November 1889. for the purpose of Perambulating  
 and running the lines between the said towns and  
 renewing the marks and bounds, we the subscribers  
 Selectmen of said towns, have met at the time  
 aforesaid and renewed the several mark and bounds,  
 In witness whereof we have  
 mutually hereunto set our hands this 30<sup>th</sup> day  
 of November 1889

Amory Crossman } Selectmen  
 William C. Patrick } Warren

Oscar F. Brown } Selectmen  
 Orrin Hisk } Brimfield

To Henry F. Brown, Clerk of the Town of Brimfield  
 This is to certify, that we the subscribers,  
 Selectmen of the towns of Palmer, Warren, and Brimfield,  
 have at the joint and equal expense of said towns,  
 caused to be erected a stone monument to designate  
 the boundary lines between said towns, at the North  
 Westly corner of said Brimfield on the Eastly bank  
 of the Quaboag river about ten feet Northwesterly from  
 a split rock which has heretofore marked said  
 boundary lines

In witness whereof we have mutually hereunto  
 set our hands this seventh day of December 1889

W. H. Brainard } Selectmen  
 M. J. Dillon } Palmer

James W. F. Quinlan } Selectmen  
 William C. Patrick } Warren

Oscar F. Brown } Selectmen  
 Orrin Hisk } Brimfield

To Henry F. Brown. Clerk of the Town of Brimfield

Agueably to notice given to the Town of  
Monson by the Town of Brimfield, to meet on the 29<sup>th</sup> day  
of November 1889 for the purpose of Perambulating and  
running the lines between the said towns and renewing  
the marks and bounds, we the subscribers, Selectmen  
of said towns, have met at the time aforesaid  
and renewed the several marks and bounds.

In witness whereof we have mutually  
hereunto set our hands this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1889

A. A. Gage } Selectmen  
G. M. Fashet } Monson

Oran F. Brown } Selectmen  
Josiah Stebbins } Brimfield

Brookfield Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1889

Sir

This is to certify that the stone  
monuments between the towns of Brimfield  
and Brookfield have been marked  
according to law and that said monu-  
ments are in good condition

Attest

E. W. Twichall

Clerk of Board Selectmen

The foregoing reports of Perambulations  
recorded

By

Henry F. Brown  
Town Clerk



Warrant for Town Meeting April 7, 1890

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
To Francis C. Cook, Constable of Brimfield  
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield, Monday the seventh day of April next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles,

- First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Second To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year; Also all committees and agents the business of the town may require. All officers required by law to be chosen by ballot (except Moderator and Town Clerk) must be on one ballot. The polls will be open at half past ten o'clock A. M. and may be closed at half past two P. M.
- Third To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the town, and act thereon.
- Fourth To raise money for the support of schools, highways Bridges, payment of town debts, and to defray expenses for the ensuing year, and direct how the same shall be expended.
- Fifth To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.
- Sixth To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year; Also to borrow money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof.
- Seventh To see if the Town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.

Eighth To see what disposition the town will make of their Dog Fund, or act thereon.

Ninth To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector,

Tenth To see if the Town will cause to be printed the reports of their Officers and Agents, or any part of the same,

Eleventh To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any money for State Aid -

Twelfth To bring in their votes, Yes or No upon the question, "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Thirteenth To see if the Town will revoke the vote of April 1<sup>st</sup> 1889, accepting the provisions of sections 74, 75, 76, and 77 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes in relation to Road Commissioners,

Fourteenth To see if the Town will accept the report of the Road Commissioners in the laying out of a town way on petition of Josiah Stebbins and others, commencing at a point near the house of Josiah Stebbins to a point near the house of John F. Lumbard known as the Gardner place, also the report of said Commissioners laying out a Gravel pit on land of George F. Holdridge -

Supervisor of Schools  
Fifteenth To see if the Town will accept of the provisions of chapter four hundred and thirty one (431) of the acts and resolves of the year 1888 or act thereon,

Sixteenth To see if the town will dispose of school houses No<sup>s</sup> 4, and 9, or use them for other than school purposes, or act thereon,

Seventeenth To see what sum of money, if any, the town will appropriate for Decoration day -



And you are directed to serve this warrant - by  
posting an attested copy of the same at the Town  
Hall, one at the center Post Office, and by mailing  
a copy to the Post Office at East and West Brimfield  
and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to  
Fosket's Mills seven days at least before the time  
of holding said meeting.

Must fail not, and make due  
return of this warrant with your doings thereon  
to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield at the time  
and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our  
hands this fifteenth day of March in the year  
One Thousand Eight hundred and ninety -

Isaac H. Brown, Selectman  
Josiah Stebbins, of  
Levin Hicks, 3 Brimfield

Samuel J.

Brimfield April 7<sup>th</sup> 1890

I have served the within warrant as therein  
directed.

Francis C. Cook  
Constable of Brimfield

A true copy of the warrant and Constables  
return hereon.

Attest

Henry H. Brown  
Town Clerk

Annual Meeting April 7. 1890

The voters of Brimfield assembled at the Town Hall on Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> 1890. pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, and were called to order by Henry F. Brown, at 10 o'clock and fifteen minutes A.M. who, after the reading the warrant, appointed Oscar F. Brown, Josiah Stebbins and Orrin Hicks, Tellers, to assist him in checking the list of voters, receiving, sorting and counting the votes cast for Moderator, said Tellers being duly sworn by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk, at 10 1/2 o'clock A.M. the polls were opened and the votes received for Moderator, the polls remaining open until all who wished so to do had voted, where by vote of the town they were closed.

Tellers

Moderator

Whole number of Ballots twenty four 24  
Samuel W. Brown. had twenty four votes 24  
and was elected, and accepted the office

The Moderator appointed Oscar F. Brown, Josiah Stebbins, Orrin Hicks, and Frank B. Newton, Tellers to assist him in checking the lists of voters, receiving, sorting and counting the vote cast for Town officers, also upon the question "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this town?" all said Tellers being duly sworn by the Town Clerk -

Town Clerk

The votes were then received for Town Clerk -  
Whole number of Ballots, Twenty nine 29  
Henry F. Brown had Twenty eight votes 28  
Blanks one 1 = 29

Voters

License

That the votes required by the Twelfth article on the question of Licenses be received in the ballot box required by law, and received at the same time as those cast for Town Officers in another ballot-box, the polls were then opened for the reception of votes for Town Officers and on the question of License



Noted On motion of Francis D. Lincoln to act on the Fifth Article in the warrant

Noted On motion of Francis D. Lincoln, to accept the  
 Juries list of juries as revised by the Selectmen.

The town then proceeded to the Election of those officers not required to be elected by ballot.

Noted That the Moderator appoint a committee of three  
 Fence Viewers to nominate three Fence Viewers, and they reported the names of Samuel W. Brown, David W. Jones, and Alva Thayer, and they were chosen, David W. Jones, declining to serve, Moses M. Baker was elected to fill the vacancy - And Samuel W. Brown, Moses M. Baker and Alva Thayer were duly sworn

Noted That the Moderator appoint a committee of three  
 Library Director to nominate a Library Director for 3 years, who reported the name of Charles A. Homer and he was elected

Noted To choose Five Surveyors of Wood and Lumber  
 Surveyors of Wood and Lumber and John M. Smith, Thomas J. Morgan, J. Winslow Fosket, Norman S. Powers, and Horatio L. Lonsense were nominated and chosen.

Noted To choose Four Field Drivers, and Clifton L. Gould,  
 Field Drivers George L. Williams, Frank B. Hitchcock and George M. Studer, were chosen.

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Noted On motion of Francis D. Lincoln to take up and act on the Sixth article in the warrant,

*Resolved* That the Town Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the  
 To Borrow money Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes for  
 in anticipation of the current year, and give the notes of the town therefor.

*Voted* On motion of Francis D. Lincoln, that the Town Treasurer be  
 To Borrow money authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow  
 to renew, replace money to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan, or  
 loans, or any part thereof and to issue the notes of the  
 town therefor. The above passed by a vote of seventeen  
 in the affirmative. *Ways none.*

*Voted* On motion of Francis D. Lincoln to act on the Sixth  
 Article in the warrant.

*Voted* On motion of Alva Thayer that the collector be authorized  
 Discount on and directed to allow a Discount on taxes upon the  
 taxes same terms and conditions as allowed by the vote of  
 last year, see pages 487-454

*Voted* On motion of Francis D. Lincoln to act on the Eighth  
 article in the warrant

*Voted* That the Dog Fund \$100.76 be appropriated for the  
 Dog Fund purchase of books for the Public Library -

*Voted* On motion of Francis D. Lincoln to act on the 9<sup>th</sup>  
 article in the warrant.

*Voted* That that the collector of taxes be authorized to use the  
 Collector to have power means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer  
 of Treasurer may use when appointed collector.

*Voted* On motion of Francis D. Lincoln to act on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
 article in the Warrant.

*Voted* On motion of Capt F. D. Lincoln to raise and appropriate  
 Memorial Fifty dollars (\$50.) to decorate the graves of our soldiers, and  
 Day for the proper observance of Memorial day -



*Committee*  
*Memorial Day* Voted On motion of Capt. Francis D. Lincoln, that George M. Hitchcock, Francis C. Cook and Byron W. Charles be a committee with authority to expend such part or the whole of the aforesaid sum as they find to be necessary for the aforesaid purpose.

Article 10<sup>th</sup> being under consideration - Capt. F. D. Lincoln moved that the Selectmen cause the Annual Reports to be <sup>presented</sup> the same as for last year.

*Town Reports* Voted On motion of Orus E. Parker moved that the valuation and tax for 1890 be included with the above. The amendment was carried, and the motion as amended, was adopted by the following vote  
 Aff 22, votes. Neg 3 votes.

Voted To suspend further town business until one o'clock P. M., except that the polls are to be kept open for the reception of votes.

Town business resumed at one o'clock P. M.

*State Aid* Voted Under Article 11<sup>th</sup> in the warrant, to raise Fifty dollars, (\$50.) and that the same with the amount due from the State, for Aid paid (\$15.5) be appropriated for the payment of State Aid -

*Road Commissioners* Voted On motion of Orus E. Parker, that Article 13<sup>th</sup> be passed over

*Report of Road Commissioners* Article 14<sup>th</sup> in the warrant being before <sup>the town</sup> the Report of the Road Commissioners locating a town way, on the petition of Josiah Stebbins and others, was read.

Voted On motion of Francis D. Lincoln, that the report of the Road Commissioners on the petition of Josiah Stebbins and others, be referred to a committee, to consist of the aforesaid Road Commissioners.

the Selectmen, and Town Clerk, to make a full examination of the proposed new road, and probable cost of the construction thereof, and, also whether the present road could be discontinued as a public way -

*Noted* In motion of Aba Hayer to accept the report of the Road Commissioners locating, and laying out a gravel pit on land of George F. Moldridge -

*Superintendent of Schools* The 15<sup>th</sup> article in the Warrant being under consideration Louis S. Brown, submitted for the consideration and action of the town the following resolution and votes, and moved their adoption by the town as follows, viz;

*Resolved* That this town accept the provisions of Chapter 431. Acts of 1888 and take measures to secure the benefits to be derived therefrom.

*Noted* That this town unite with the towns of Monson, Wilbraham, Hampden, Water, Sturbridge, Holland and Warren or with one or more of them, for the purpose of the employment of a Superintendent of schools under the provisions of the aforesaid act.

*Noted* To raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred dollars (\$200.) for the purposes contemplated by said act; Provided however if a sufficient number of the towns named in the foregoing vote fail to unite for the aforesaid purpose, then this appropriation shall be void -

The foregoing Resolution and two following votes were adopted by vote of the town.

*Noted* In motion of Henry F. Brown that Article 15<sup>th</sup> in the Warrant be referred to the Selectmen, with full power and authority to dispose of the School houses there named, by sale, or to allow them to be used for other than school purposes,



Adjourment. Voted On motion of Francis J. Lincoln, that when this meeting adjourn, that it be adjourned to meet on Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at two o'clock P. M.

Voted To raise the following sums of money viz;

For highway repairs	1400 00
" Bridges	150 00
" Snow	150 00
" Schools	1350 00
" Text books and conveyance	150 00
" Salaries of school committee	100 00
" Repair of school house	100 00
" Paupers	1300 00
" Officers salaries	500 00
" Miscellaneous expenses	700 00
" Interest on Town debt	160 00
" Discount on taxes	300 00
	\$ 6360.00

Voted That the Road Commissioners be instructed to visit Guide Boards as recommended by the report for 1888

Report on  
Guide Boards

Byron W. Charles presented the Report of the Road Commissioners on Guide boards.

At two and half o'clock P. M. the town named in the warrant for closing the polls for the election of town officers, also upon the question of License, and no motion having been made to extend the time the polls were closed —

The votes were then sorted, counted and declaration thereof made in open Town meeting and upon the Question of License <sup>were</sup> as follows.

Yes Twenty (20)

No Forty eight (48)

Whole number of

Ballots Sixty eight (68)

For Town Officers the whole number of Ballots  
was Eighty and were as follows viz;

For Selectmen Oscar F. Brown had Seventy nine votes  
Josiah Stubbins had Seventy four votes  
Orrie Hicks had Sixty one votes  
Frank B. Newton had Eight votes  
Byron W. Charles had Four votes  
Charles A. Homer had One vote  
Blank vote Thirteen

Oscar F. Brown, Josiah Stubbins and Orrie  
Hicks were declared Elected, and sworn

For Assessors Samuel W. Brown had Seventy nine votes  
John Shanly had Seventy five votes  
George W. Sherman had Seventy seven votes  
Blank votes Nine  
Samuel W. Brown, John Shanly and George W.  
Sherman were declared Elected and sworn

For School Committee Robert B. Sawin had Sixty seven votes  
For Three Years Charles S. Tarbell had one vote  
Oscar E. Parker had one vote  
Albert Woodard had one vote  
Blank votes Ten.  
Robert B. Sawin was declared elected

For School Committee Louis S. Brown had Seventy two votes  
For One Year Thomas J. Morgan had One vote  
Blank votes Seven  
Louis S. Brown was declared Elected

For Town Treasurer Henry F. Brown, had Seventy eight votes  
Blank votes Two.  
Henry F. Brown, was declared elected and sworn

For Collector Charles S. Tarbell, had Seventy nine votes  
Blank votes One.  
Charles S. Tarbell was declared elected



For Constables

Francis E. Cook has Seventy nine votes  
Orin Hicks had Seventy seven votes  
Blank votes Three

Francis E. Cook and Orin Hicks were declared  
elected and sworn

For Assessors of Tax

Francis E. Cook, had Seventy eight votes  
Shenry Newton, had Seventy eight votes  
Peter W. Moore, had Seventy nine votes  
Blank votes Five

Francis E. Cook, Shenry Newton and Peter W. Moore  
were declared elected and sworn

For Road Commissioners

Henry Blodgett had Seventy nine votes

for Two years

Blank votes

ONE

Henry Blodgett was declared elected & sworn

For Road Commissioners

John C. Chaffin Jr. had Seventy eight votes

for Two years

Blank votes

Two

John C. Chaffin Jr. was declared elected & sworn

For Auditor

George M. Hitchcock, had Fifty five votes

Orin E. Parker, had Thirty six votes

Charles A. Hornor, had Thirty votes

Frank B. Newton, had one vote

Blank votes. Thirty eight

George M. Hitchcock, and Orin E. Parker were  
declared elected and sworn.

After sealing up the  
ballots cast on the question of license and  
the check list used for receiving the same.

Also.

Sealing up the votes received for Town officers,  
and the check list used for receiving the  
same, it was

Voted

To adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned  
as previously voted

Respected by

Henry H. Brown, Town Clerk

Adjourned Town Meeting April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1890

Meeting called to order by the Moderator, Samuel W. Brown, at two o'clock and fifteen minutes P. M.

Upon the question of fixing the compensation, and conditions for collecting the taxes, Charles S. Tarbell, the collector then asked the town to make the compensation Seventy five dollars.

Moved By Alva Thayer that the compensation of the collector of taxes be Seventy five dollars, subject to the same conditions and restrictions as were imposed upon the collector for last year, not carried the vote being 12 in the affirmative and 13 in the negative.

*Vote*  
*Compensation*  
*of*  
*Collector of Taxes* On motion of Henry Newton that the compensation of the collector of taxes be Sixty dollars, subject to the same conditions and restrictions as applied to the collector for last year. See Page 454

*Resignation*  
*of*  
*Collector of Taxes* Charles S. Tarbell, resigned the office of collector of taxes, and his resignation was accepted by vote of the town

The Report of the Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Road Commissioners, locating a town way on the petition of Josiah Stebbins & others, was called for.

*and sent to the committee*  
A report prepared by Henry T. Brown, but which had not been acted upon by the committee was read,

Moved By Charles S. Tarbell, that when the vote is taken upon the acceptance of the Report of the Road Commissioners, locating a town way on the petition of Josiah Stebbins and others, that the vote be by ballot. Not carried



Moved By Henry F. Brown. That the report of the Road Commissioners on the petition of Josiah Stebbins and others, be referred back to the said Commissioners with the request that they make the changes at Stations No<sup>s</sup> 3 and 4, as suggested by the committee establish a grade line, and specifications for the construction of the road, with an estimate of the probable cost of construction and report at a future meeting. Not carried

Noted On motion of Thomas J. Morgan to reconsider the vote rejecting the motion of Charles S. Tarbell, that the vote on the acceptance of the report of the Road Commissioners on Petition of Josiah Stebbins & others be taken by ballot, and it was then

Noted To adopt the motion made by Charles S. Tarbell, and that the aforesaid vote be taken by ballot: those in favor of accepting the report voting Yes, those opposed voting No

The votes were then received on the acceptance of said report:

Whole number of votes	Seventy one and	
were <u>Yes</u>	Twenty three	23
and <u>No</u>	Forty eight	48

And the report was not accepted

Election of  
Collector

of  
Taxes

The vote was then received for a collector of Taxes to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles S. Tarbell.

Whole number of votes Twenty eight (28)  
and were for, Newton, C. Newton, Henry F. Newton & B. W. Shuman, one vote each, for George W. Shuman, five votes, for Henry Newton thirteen votes, and Henry Newton, was declared Elected, and sworn by the Moderator.

Noted To accept the Annual Reports as presented  
to the Town in the printed form the  
meeting then dissolved, Resolved by Henry Thorne Town Clerk  
Town Officers for the year 1890-91

Clerk & Treasurer	School Committee, Term ends	Road Commissioners, Term ends
Henry F. Brown	Louis S. Brown 1891	Byron W. Charles 1891
	George M. Stier 1892	John L. Whipple Jr 1892
Selectmen	Robert L. Savin 1893	Henry Blodgett 1893
Dea. F. Brown		
Josiah Stebbins	Library Directors, Term ends	Surveyors of Wood & Lumber
Orin Hicks	Louis S. Brown 1891	John M. Smith
	Rev. W. E. Trice 1892	Thomas J. Morgan
Assessors	Charles A. Homer 1893	J. Winslow Fashet
Samuel W. Brown		Norman S. Powers
John Shanly	Overseers of the Poor	Horatio L. Cowase
George W. Sherman	Francis C. Cook	
	Cheney Newton	Field Drivers
Collector	Peter W. Moore	Clifton L. Gould
Cheney Newton		George L. Williams
	Fence Viewers	Frank G. Hitchcock
Constables	Samuel W. Brown	George M. Stier
Francis C. Cook	Alvah Thayer	
Orin Hicks	Moses H. Baker	Sexton
		George M. Hitchcock
Auditors	Cemetery Committee, Term ends	
George M. Hitchcock	Edward W. Potter 1891	
Oris E. Parker	Emory Livermore 1892	

### List of Jurors for 1890-91

Oris E. Parker	Milo S. Booth	Oliver J. Plimpton
Horace E. Jones	John Shanly	John E. Farrell
Emory Livermore	Charles A. Homer	Melvin Booth
Joseph Bates	George L. Agard	Peter W. Moore

Recorded by

Henry Thorne

Town Clerk



Warrant for Special Meeting, May 28<sup>th</sup> 1890  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden /

To either of the Constables of Brimfield  
Greeting

You are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall, in said Brimfield, Wednesday the twenty eighth day of May instant, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles viz;

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting,

Second To see what action the town will take on the petition of Josiah Stebbins and Sanford Booth to the County Commissioners asking them to approve and allow the town way as laid out by the Road Commissioners of Brimfield on the petition of Josiah Stebbins and others, and direct the laying out and acceptance to be recorded by the Clerk of said town,

Third To see if the town will appropriate an additional sum of money for the supervision of schools,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, one at the center Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post Office at East, and West Brimfield, and mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Foshett's Mills, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Whereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield, at the time and <sup>place</sup> of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of May, in the year One Thousand Eight hundred and ninety

Urean F. Brown } Selectmen  
Orin Hicks } Brimfield

Hampden /

Brimfield May 28<sup>th</sup> 1890. I have served the within Warrant as therein directed.

Francis C. Cook, Constable of Brimfield

Town Meeting May 28<sup>th</sup> 1890

The votes of Brimfield assembled at the Town Hall, on the above date, in accordance with the foregoing warrant, and were called to order by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk, after the reading of the warrant, the votes were received for Moderator, Whole number of votes, nineteen (19) and were as follows. For George M. Hitchcock, Francis E. Cook and Ous E. Parker, one vote each, For Samuel W. Brown, five votes, For Oscar F. Brown, Eleven votes, and he was declared elected, and accepted the office.

*Voted* On motion of Samuel W. Brown that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to nominate a committee of three, that committee if chosen to look after the interest of the town, in this matter.

The Moderator appointed Samuel W. Brown, Francis E. Cook, Thomas J. Morgan, James Hayes and Edward W. Potter, as the committee of five, who reported for the committee of three, the names of Oscar F. Brown, Francis E. Cook and Thomas J. Morgan, and they were chosen.

*Voted* That this committee be authorized if they find it necessary, to advise with, and employ counsel, The above action was taken under the second article in the warrant.

Under the third article in the warrant it was.

*Voted* On motion of Louis S. Brown, that the town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty five dollars in addition to the sum already raised and appropriated for the supervision of schools.

A record of the warrant, and action of the town under the same the meeting then dissolved. Recorded by

Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 Hampden ss

To either of the Constables of Brimfield  
 Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Brimfield, Saturday the sixth day of September next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz;

First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient for the construction of a town way ordered by the County Commissioners on petition of Josiah Stebbins and others, or act thereon.

Third To see if the Town will raise and appropriate an additional sum of money for the repairs of highways, or act thereon.

Fourth To hear reports of Officers, and Agents heretofore chosen by the town, and act thereon.

And you are directed to give this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, one at the center Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post Office at East and West Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Fashet's Mill, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield at the time and place of meeting aforesaid, Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of August in the year Eighteen Hundred and ninety.

Hampden ss

Oscar F. Brown, Selectman  
 Josiah Stebbins } of  
 Orrin Hicks } Brimfield

Brimfield Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1890. I have served the within warrant as therein directed. F. E. Cook, Constable of Brimfield.  
 Recorded by Henry Theron, Town Clerk

Town meeting Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1890

The voters of Brimfield met in response to the foregoing warrant, called to order by Henry F. Brown. Town Clerk, after the reading of the warrant the votes were received for Moderator

Whole number of votes Twelve 12  
and were as follows viz

For Samuel Brown	one	1	
" Samuel W. Brown	Two	2	
" Oscar F. Brown	Nine	9	12

Oscar F. Brown was declared elected and accepted the office

The second Article in the warrant being before the meeting it was.

Noted On motion of Samuel W. Brown that the Town Treasurer be authorised to borrow Eleven Hundred dollars (\$1100) and that the town appropriate the same for the construction of the town way as located on petition of Josiah Stebbins and others.

Noted That the Selectmen be empowered, to authorize the Road Commissioners to expend such sums of money as they find to be necessary under the provisions of Public Statutes Chap 52. Sec 6 -

Under Article Fourth in the Warrant the Selectmen reported that they had examined the Bridge specified in Article 18<sup>th</sup> in the warrant for the Annual Meeting held April 18<sup>th</sup> 1889, in accordance with the vote of the town, and unanimously recommended that the town repair the same.

Noted On motion of Samuel W. Brown that the proper town authorities be authorised to repair the bridge over Elbow brook on the Private way leading from School St 3 to near the house of Abner Thayer.

Noted That the meeting be dissolved. Henry F. Brown Town Clerk



Warrant for Election November 4<sup>th</sup> 1890

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Hampden Co

To either of the Constables of the town of Brimfield.

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall, in said Brimfield, Tuesday the fourth day of November next at ten o. clock in the forenoon and at ten o. clock and fifteen minutes (at which time the Polls will be opened) to bring in their votes to the Selectmen who will preside at said meeting, for Governor, Lieut Governor, One Councillor For Councillor District N<sup>o</sup> 8, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, One Representative for the Tenth Congressional District, One Senator for the First Hampden District, One County Commissioner for Hampden County, One Representative for District N<sup>o</sup> 10 in Hampden County to represent said District in the next General Court, of this Commonwealth, Also, to bring in their votes "Yes" or "No" upon the following two articles of amendments to the Constitution of this Commonwealth, Viz;  
"Amendment to the Constitution to prevent the disfranchisement of voters because of a change of residence within the Commonwealth"  
"Amendment to the Constitution relative to soldier and sailors exercising the right of franchise."

All on one ballot.

The Selectmen fix the time at half past two o. clock P. M. for closing the Polls.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, one at the center Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post Office

at East and West Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Foshett's Mills, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

And of fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen of said Brimfield, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of October in the year one Thousand Eight Hundred and ninety

Oscar F. Brown } Selectmen  
Orin Hish } of Brimfield

Hampden ss

Brimfield Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1890. I have served the within warrant as therein directed

Recorded By

Francis E. Cook

Henry H. Brown, Town Clerk,

Constable of Brimfield

### Election November 4<sup>th</sup> 1890

In obedience to the foregoing warrant the voters of Brimfield met at the Town Hall November 4, 1890 and were called to order by Oscar F. Brown, chairman of the Selectmen, at 10 o'clock A.M. after the reading of the warrant, the chairman of the Selectmen gave notice that the ~~Selectmen~~, had appointed, F. Edgar Brown, and John Shanley Inspectors of Elections, who would act as Ballot Clerks, Also that they had appointed Samuel W. Brown and William A. James as Deputy Inspectors, to act as Inspectors and Ballot Clerks when either of the Inspectors were absent or unable to perform the duties of their office, and the said Inspectors and Samuel W. Brown, Deputy Inspector, were sworn by the Town Clerk, William A. James afterwards sworn by Samuel W. Brown Justice of the Peace.

The Selectmen appointed George M. Hitchcock, to have charge of the entrance to the space within the Guard Rail of the Voters Compartments, Also to keep the time each voter occupies a compartment.



The Chairman of the Selectmen, Oscar F. Brown then received and gave his receipt to Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk, for one package said to contain the First Set of 300 Official Ballot Specimen Ballots and Cards of Instructions. The seals of the package were broken and the package opened by Oscar F. Brown, Chairman, in open meeting, who delivered the Ballots, and a duplicate list of voters, to the Inspectors, also a duplicate list of voters to George M. Hitchcock the Entrance and time keeper. One Card of Instruction and <sup>one</sup> Specimen Ballot was posted in each of the four voting compartments, and three of the Cards of Instruction and five of the Specimen Ballots were posted in <sup>and</sup> about the polling room, outside the guard rail,

The Ballot Box was then unlocked and opened in the presence of the voters, and found to be empty, the Register indicating, 000. The Ballot Box was then closed and locked and the key given to Francis E. Cook, Constable. The Polls were then at 10 o'clock and 25 minutes A.M., opened for the reception of votes.

The Selectmen appointed Elmer W. Gardner and Edward M. Morgan as Tellers to assist in receiving, sorting and counting the votes at this Election, and they were sworn by Samuel W. Brown, Justice of the Peace.

The Polls remained open until two o'clock and 30 minutes P.M., when no motion being made to extend the time fixed by the Selectmen in the warrant for closing the same they were closed, the Register at that time indicating that 153 Ballots had been cast. A count of the names checked on the list of voters showed that 153 persons had voted.

The key of the Ballot Box was then received from Francis E. Cook, constable, and the Ballot Box was unlocked and opened, and a count of the Ballots therein showed that 153 had been received.

And a count of the check list used by the Ballot clerk showed that they had delivered 153 Ballots to voters, and a count of those

remaining in their hands showed 147 ballots not called for.

A count of the names, on the list of voters, checked by George M. Hitchcock, Entrance keeper showed that 153 persons had been admitted - within the Guard Rail -

The Ballots were then sorted, counted, and declaration made in open town meeting as follows; viz:

For Governor John Blackmer, of Springfield, had Twenty two votes  
John A. Brachett, of Arlington, had Sixty votes  
William E. Russell, of Cambridge, had Sixty one votes  
Blank votes Ten

For Lieut. Governor John W. Boscoran, of Clinton, had Fifty two votes  
William H. Baile, of Springfield, had Sixty six votes  
George Kempton, of Sharon, had Twenty votes  
Blank votes Fifteen

For Secretary of State George S. Whittenden, of Buckland, had Twenty two votes  
Elbridge Cushman, of Lakeville, had Fifty eight votes  
William M. Olin, of Boston, had Fifty eight votes  
Blank votes Fifteen

For Treasurer and Receiver General William B. Shanon, of Boston, had Twenty votes  
George A. Marden, of Lowell, had Sixty two votes  
Edwin S. Munn, of Holyoke, had Fifty seven votes  
Blank votes Fourteen

For Auditor Charles B. Codd, of Springfield, had Sixty one votes  
Augustus B. Smith, of Lee, had Nineteen votes  
William D. Trefry, of Marblehead, had Fifty three votes  
Blank votes Twenty

Attorney General Wolcott Hamlin, of Amherst, had Nineteen votes  
Elisha B. Maynard, of Springfield, had Fifty four votes  
Abner C. Pillsbury, of Boston, had Sixty three votes  
Blank votes Seventeen



Representative to Congress Charles B. Pratt, of Worcester, had Fifty-six votes  
 Tenth District Robert M. Small, of Templeton had Sixteen votes  
 Joseph M. Walther, of Worcester had Sixty-four votes  
 Blank votes Seventeen

For Councillor George M. Clarke, of Chicopee, had Twenty-one votes  
 Eighth District Benjamin Franklin Phillips, of Sheffield, had Fifty-seven votes  
 Ashley B. Wright, of North Adams, had Fifty-nine votes  
 Blank votes Sixteen

For County Commisioner James C. Delany, of Holyoke, had Fifty-six votes  
 Lewis F. Root, of Westfield had Sixty-three votes  
 Alanson Towne, of Springfield, had Eighteen votes  
 Blank votes Sixteen

For Senator, First Hampshire District Frank E. Carpenter, of Springfield, had Fifty-five votes  
 Edwin D. Metcalf, of Springfield, had Sixty-six votes  
 Alfred W. Richardson, of Springfield, had Sixteen votes  
 Blank votes Sixteen

For Representative B. E. M. Clark, of Palmer, had Forty-eight votes  
 Tenth Hampshire District Horace B. Sanders, of Palmer, had Seventy-nine votes  
 Blank votes Twenty-six

After making out, signing, and sealing up the returns of the  
 aforesaid votes, also sealing up the Ballot cast, also the list of  
 votes used by the Selectmen and Tellers as a check list for the  
 reception of votes, also the one used by the Ballot clubs for  
 the delivery of ballots to voters, all being done in open meeting,  
 then on motion made and voted to that effect, the  
 meeting, was dissolved.

Recorded by  
 Henry Aaron  
 Town Clerk

Amendment to the Whole number of votes One Hundred and fifty-three  
 Constitution to prevent  
 the disfranchisement  
 of voters

Yes	Forty-six	(46)
No	Nineteen	(19)
Blank votes	Eighty-eight	(88) = 153

Amendment to the Whole number of votes One hundred and fifty three  
 Constitution relative to Yes Thirty seven votes 1371  
 Soldiers & Sailors No Seventeen votes 171  
 exercising the right of  
 suffrage — Blank votes ninety nine (99) = 153

Recorded by

Henry F. Brown

Town Clerk

Appointment of Town Clerk pro tempore.  
 Brimfield, Nov. 13, 1890.

The undersigned a majority of the Selectmen  
 of Brimfield, hereby appoint Louis S. Brown  
 Town Clerk pro tempore of said Brimfield to  
 fill the vacancy, in said office, caused by  
 the disability of Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk; to  
 perform the duties required in chapter 423 of  
 the Acts of 1890, so far as relates to the  
 meeting of Town Clerks for the purpose  
 of examining and comparing transcripts  
 and ascertaining what person has been  
 elected Representative to represent Represen-  
 tative District No. 10, Hampden County, in the  
 next General Court.

Oscar F. Brown } Selectmen  
 Oliver Hicks } of  
 Brimfield

Hampden SS.

November 14 1890

Then personally appeared the witness  
 named Louis S. Brown and made oath  
 that he would faithfully perform the  
 duties imposed upon him.

Before me,

Samuel W. Brown,

Justice of the Peace.

Recorded from the original.

By

Louis S. Brown

Town Clerk pro tempore.



This certifies that at a meeting of the Town Clerks of Representative District No. 10 in Hampshire County Massachusetts held at the District Court room at Palmer on Friday the fourteenth day of November A.D. 1890 at noon, for the purpose of examining and comparing the returns of votes cast in said District on Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup> 1890 by the several towns therein for Representative to the General Court and ascertain who had been elected. The whole number of votes returned was, Eleven hundred and three and were for the following persons viz:

For H.E.W. Clarke of Palmer Five hundred and nineteen  
 For Horace H. Sanders of Palmer Four hundred and seventy-five  
 For John Mc. Cutcheon of Ludlow one.

Blanks, One hundred and eight.

Vote by Towns.

	H.E.W. Clarke of Palmer	Horace H. Sanders of Palmer	John Mc. Cutcheon of Ludlow	Blanks.	Total
Brimfield.	48	79		26	153
Holland	9	20		3	32
Ludlow	123	65	1	19	208
Palmer.	339	311		60	710
	519	475	1	108	1103.

H.E.W. Clarke of Palmer having a plurality of the votes cast was declared elected and duplicate certificates thereof made out and signed by;

Louis S. Brown	Town Clerk pro tem. of Brimfield
Wm. L. Webber	Town Clerk of Holland
A.H. Bartlett	Town Clerk of Ludlow.
J.B. Shaw	Town Clerk of Palmer.

Recorded by

Louis S. Brown

Town Clerk pro tempore.

## Appointment of Town Clerk

Brimfield Mass Dec 10. 1890

The undersigned a majority  
of the Selectmen of Brimfield  
hereby appoint Geo. M. Willcock  
Town Clerk pro tempore of said  
Brimfield to fill the  
vacancy in said office  
caused by the disability  
of Henry F. Brown Town Clerk  
to act to secure the Harriot  
for a Town Meeting to be  
holden this tenth day of  
December 1890

Oscar F. Brown } Selectmen  
Joseph Sutton } of  
Brimfield

This certifies that I have  
this day administered the  
oath to Geo. M. Willcock as  
Town Clerk of said

Samuel H. Brown  
Justice of the Peace  
Brimfield Dec 10. 1890

A true copy by  
Geo. M. Willcock  
Town Clerk pro tempore

This certifies that I have caused the ballots cast at the Election held at  
Brimfield November 4<sup>th</sup> 1890 to be destroyed in accordance  
with the provisions of Chap 7<sup>th</sup> Section 34 of the Public Statute  
1890  
George M. Willcock  
Town Clerk



Warrant for Town Meeting  
Dec 10. 1890

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hamden S. S.

To either of the  
Constables of Springfield  
Saying

In the name of the  
Commonwealth you are  
specially directed to notify and  
advise the inhabitants of  
Springfield qualified to vote  
in elections and town  
affairs, to meet at the  
Town Hall in said  
Springfield, Wednesday  
the tenth day of December  
next at five o'clock in the  
afternoon to act on  
the following articles. Viz

First

To choose a Moderator  
to preside at said meeting

Second

To see if the town will  
ratify the action of the  
Road Commissioners in  
proceeding to contract the  
town way ordered by the  
County Commissioners, on  
petition of Josiah Stebbins  
and others, and will order  
said Road Commissioners  
to complete the same  
and to act in any manner  
relating thereto

And you are directed to serve  
 this Warrant by posting one  
 attested copy of the same at  
 the Town Hall one at the Center  
 Post Office, and by mailing a  
 copy to the Post Office at East  
 and West Springfield and by  
 mailing or otherwise sending  
 a copy to Field's Mills seven  
 days at least before the  
 time of holding said  
 meeting

And fail not and  
 make due return of this  
 warrant with your doings  
 thereon to the Town Clerk  
 of said Springfield at the  
 time and place of meeting  
 aforesaid

Given under our hands  
 this twenty ninth day of  
 November One Thousand  
 eight hundred and  
 thirty

Wesley F. Brown }  
 Josiah Stebbins }  
 Oliver Hicks } of Springfield

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 Hampden S.S.

Springfield Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1873

I have served the within Warrant  
 as therein directed

T. E. Cook }  
 Constable of Springfield

A true copy of the warrant  
 and Constables return thereon

Attest. S. M. Hitchcock



The voters of Springfield met in response to the Warrant called to order by Geo M Hitchcock Town Clerk pro tempore. After reading the Warrant Oscar F. Brown and Frank Stephens were appointed Tellers to act at this meeting and sworn by S. W. Brown Justice of the Peace.

Votes for Town Clerk pro tempore were then received with the following result

Whole Number	He
Chas S. Fairbairn	1
Geo M. Hitchcock	15

Geo M Hitchcock declared Town Clerk pro tempore and sworn

Votes were then called for Moderator with the following result

Whole Number	15
F. E. Cooke	1
S. W. Brown	1
Oscar F Brown	2
Blanks	2
R. V. Sawin	9

R. V. Sawin declared elected but declined to accept the office

On the second ballot the following was the result

Whole Number	21
F. E. Cooke	1
Patrick White	1
Oscar F Brown	4
S. W. Brown	15

S. H. Brown declared elected Moderator, and accepted the office.

Report of the Road Commissioners was then called for by Dr. R. T. Savin. S. H. Brown then to Road Commissioners advised that they had no written report to make the cost of the road thus far completed was about eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$850.)

Motions to adjourn at various dates were then made but not carried.

Motion then made by F. E. Cooke that the town ratify the action of the Road Commissioners in proceeding to construct the town way ordered by the County Commissioners on petition of Rich Stearns and others.

After a somewhat lengthy discussion and questioning as to whether the road thus far completed had been built according to the specifications drawn and presented to those who made proposals for building the same it was voted on motion of Dr. R. T. Savin that we now adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of January next at one o'clock P. M.

9 against adjournment



This meeting declared now  
adjourned to the first Monday  
of January next at one  
o'clock P. M.

Recorded by  
E. M. Fitch

True Clerk's certificate

Adjourned. Town Meeting January 5<sup>th</sup> 1891

Meeting called to order  
by the Moderator Samuel W. Brown at one o'clock  
and 20 minutes P. M.

Byron W. Charles, Chairman of  
the Road Commissioners read to the town the  
names of the persons who had claims for labor  
performed and articles furnished for the  
construction of the Town way as petitioned for  
Josiah Stebbins and others.

Samuel W. Brown submitted  
the following for the consideration of the town  
as a suitable and proper way to carry out the  
motion of Francis E. Cook now before the meeting  
viz:

Resolved. That the town ratify the doings of the  
Road Commissioners viz; Byron W. Charles, John  
L. Chaffee and Henry Blodgett. Provided they  
give bonds satisfactory to the Selectmen. That they  
will finish the road petitioned for by Josiah  
Stebbins and others to the acceptance of the  
County Commissioners, and also provided that  
the town shall not be liable for any expense  
over and above what Mr. Lincoln<sup>officer</sup> to do the  
same work for.

Henry E. Brown read for the  
information of the town, a plan he had  
proposed to dispose of the questions before  
the town, in relation to the aforesaid  
town way -

Francis S. Cook asked to be allowed to withdraw the motion made by him and now pending before the meeting and permission was voted, and the motion was withdrawn.

Henry L. Brown then submitted and moved the adoption of the following; Preamble and votes: viz;

Whereas at a meeting of the Inhabitants of Brimfield held on Sept-6<sup>th</sup> 1870 it was voted, "That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow \$11.00, and that the town appropriate the same for the construction of the town way as located on the petition of Josiah Stebbins and others" and whereas the Road Commissioners of Brimfield, believing they had Ex Officio the right so to do, did advertise for and receive proposals for the construction of the aforesaid town way, failing to secure proposals for the amount appropriated and said Road Commissioners believing the road could be constructed for the amount <sup>by the town or by private individuals</sup> did themselves commence the construction of said road, hiring suitable labour and teams, therefor, and have proceeded with its construction until they have expended about \$875.00 for that purpose.

And whereas it now appears that without the vote of the town to that effect, Road Commissioners are not authorized to contract for the construction of a road, and that it is necessary that the town should ratify and confirm their acts to enable them and the parties they have employed to collect pay of the town for services rendered, and supplies furnished. Therefore

First - Voted

That the town does hereby ratify and confirm the acts of their Road Commissioners in endeavouring to contract for the construction of the town way located on the petition of Josiah Stebbins and others, also their acts in contracting for labor and supplies for the construction of the aforesaid town way so far as completed, and to pay the expense by them incurred for the construction of said way to be ascertained as follows;



their bills and vouchers for expenses for expenses incurred for labor, supplies, their services, and other expenses shall be referred to a disinterested committee of three to be chosen at this meeting, to audit and report <sup>to the selectmen</sup> the amount due on the several bills, and the Selectmen will draw orders on the Treasurer for the payment of the several bills so reported,

Second - Voted

That the report of the Road Commissioners also their specification for construction, the order of the County Commissioners, and all surveys profiles and other papers, relating to the aforesaid town way in the hands of the Road Commissioners Selectmen or Town Clerk be referred to a committee of three to examine in connection with the road, and report to the town what action it is necessary for the town to take to complete said road to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, and the probable expense thereof, and report at an adjournment of this or the Annual meeting.

Third - Voted

That this committee, if they find that suitable railing for the road can be contracted for at this time, at a lower price than to defer it until a future period, be authorized to contract for the same,

George L. Henney moved to amend the first vote in the order offered by inserting after the words "to audit and report to the Selectmen" when they have ascertained by advertisement or otherwise that they are able to contract with responsible parties for the completion of said road to the acceptance of the County Commissioners for the difference between the amount they Audit and \$1600.

The amendment was rejected, and then the Preamble was adopted by vote of the town,

The first vote following the Preamble was adopted by the town -

The second vote following the Preamble was then adopted by the town by a vote of 23 in the Affirmative and 7 in the Negative.

The third vote following the Preamble, was rejected and it was

*Voted* To ratify and confirm the contract made by the Board Commissioners with Josiah Robbins to furnish railing for the aforesaid road.

*Voted* That a committee of five be appointed by the Moderator to nominate three persons to act as Auditors as required by the aforesaid vote, and Messrs E. Parker, Moses M. Baker, George W. Sherman, J. W. Husket and Thomas J. Morgan were appointed, and who reported the following persons to act as Auditors. George M. Hitchcock, Albert W. Woodard and Oras E. Parker, and they were chosen by the town.

*Voted* That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to nominate three persons for a committee to examine and report to the town what action is necessary to complete the road, and the probable expense, and Francis E. Cook, George M. Hitchcock and M. C. Sawin, were appointed said committee.

And reported the following persons for the aforesaid committee viz; John A. McKinstry, Moses M. Baker, and Charles J. Tarbell, and they were elected by the town.

*Voted* That this meeting be adjourned to meet on the first Monday of April next at 2. o. clock P. M., and it was so adjourned

Attest

Henry H. Brown  
Town Clerk



Brimfield Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> 1891

The town met as per adjournment called to order by Samuel W. Brown, Moderator.

John A. McHeinty, for the committee chosen to examine the road located on the petition of Josiah Stebbins and others, reported that the committee had attended to the duties assigned them, and recommended that a committee of three be appointed to cause the road to be completed, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, and estimated that to complete the same would cost \$350. Nailing and monuments not included.

Moved By Oscar D. Wells that the completion of the road be left with the Road Commissioners

Second By Orus E. Parker to amend the motion offered by Mr. O. D. Wells by striking out the words Road Commissioners and inserting the word Selectmen.

The amendment was adopted, and as amended the motion was adopted.

Warrant for Annual Meeting April 6<sup>th</sup> 1891  
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Hampden County,  
 To either of the Constables of Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Brimfield, Monday, the sixth day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles.

- Art 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, also all committees and agents the business of the Town may require. All officers required by law to be chosen by ballot. (Except Moderator and Town Clerk) must be on one ballot. The polls will be open at half past ten o'clock A.M. and may be closed at half past two P.M.
- Art 3. To hear reports of officers and Agents heretofore chosen by the town, and act thereon.
- Art 4. To raise money for the support of schools, highways, bridges, payment of town debts, and to defray expenses for the ensuing year, and direct how the same shall be expended.
- Art 5. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.
- Art 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year. Also to borrow money to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan or loans or any part thereof.
- Art 7. To see if the Town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods or act thereon.
- Art 8 To see what disposition the Town will make of their Dog Fund, or act thereon.



- Art 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector.
- Art 10. To see if the Town will cause to be printed the reports of officers and agents or any part of the same.
- Art 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for State Aid.
- Art 12. To bring in their votes Yes or No upon the question. Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?
- Art 13. To see if the Town will revoke the vote of April 1<sup>st</sup> 1889. accepting the provisions of sections 74, 75, 76. and 77 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statute. in relation to Road Commissioners.
- Art 14. To see if the Town will discontinue the town way leading from the place formerly owned by Chester Scarborough to the road leading from East Brimfield to South Warren.
- Art 15. To see if the town will take any action in regard to repairing the highway leading from near the house of Henry Blodgett. to near the house of John E. Farnell.
- Art 16. To see what sum of money (if any) the town will appropriate for Decoration Day.
- Art 17. To see if the Town will discontinue the town way leading Southwesterly from near the house of Josiah Stibbins to the road leading from Brimfield to Palmer near the house of George T. Holdridge. or any part of the same.

Art-18. To see what action the Town will take in relation to rebuilding the Bridge across the Quabog River at West Brimfield. known as the Rogers Bridge, or take such other action in the premises as is deemed expedient.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by pasting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, one at the center Post Office and by mailing a copy to the Post Offices at East and West Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Fickett's Mills seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

None fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of March in the year One Thousand Eight hundred and ninety one.

Oscar F. Brown } Selectmen  
Josiah Stebbins } of  
Orin Hicks } Brimfield

Hampton J

Brimfield April 6<sup>th</sup> 1891

I have served the within Warrant as therein directed.

F. E. Cook.

Constable of Brimfield

A true copy of the warrant and Constables return thereon.

Attest

Oscar F. Brown

Town Clerk



Annual Meeting April 6<sup>th</sup> 1891

The voters of Brimfield met at the Town Hall on Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> 1891 in response to the foregoing warrant, and were called to order by Henry F. Brown, Town Clerk, at 10. o. clock A. M. After the reading of the Warrant, the Town Clerk appointed John Sharly, Josiah Stebbins and Orrin Hicks, Tellers to assist him in checking the list of voters, receiving, sorting and counting the votes cast for Moderator, said Tellers being duly sworn by Henry F. Brown Town Clerk.

Tellers

Appointed

At 10. o. clock and 30 minutes A. M. the polls were opened and votes received for Moderator. The polls remaining open until all who wished so to do, had voted for Moderator, when in accordance with a vote of the town that effect they were closed.

Whole number of Ballots for Moderator Seventy two (72), and the votes were as follows:

Choice of  
Moderator

For George M. Hitchcock. one vote

For Henry F. Brown one vote

For Oscar F. Brown Seventy votes (72)

And Oscar F. Brown was declared elected, and accepted the office.

Tellers

Appointed.

The Moderator appointed, Orrin Hicks, Josiah Stebbins, John Sharly and Frank B. Newton, Tellers, to assist him in checking the list of voters, and receiving, sorting and counting the votes for all officers to be chosen by ballot, also the votes on the Question of granting Licenses, and they were sworn by the Town Clerk.

Choice of  
Town Clerk

The votes were then received for Town Clerk—whole number of votes One Hundred and seven 107 and were for

For George M. Hitchcock. Forty seven 47

For Henry F. Brown. Sixty 60 = 107

Henry F. Brown, was declared elected and sworn by the Moderator.

Previous to the Election of Town Clerk, it was moved by Capt Francis D. Lincoln that the votes for Town Clerk and for the other town officers be received at the same time in separate boxes, also that the polls for Town Clerk remain open for the reception of votes for the same time as for the other officers. not-carried

*Voted.* On motion of Capt Francis D. Lincoln, that the town Clerk a  
Board of Three Selectmen  
Board of Three Assessors  
Board of Three Overseers of Poor  
Two Auditors and  
Two Constables. The votes were also received at the same time for School Committee for three years, for Road Commissioners for three years, also for Town Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes.

*Voted.* That the votes on the Question of License as required by the 12<sup>th</sup> Article in the Warrant be received in the ballot box provided for that purpose at the same time the votes for Town Officers are received in another box

*License*

*Votes for  
Town Officers*

The votes were then received for Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, Two Auditors, Two Constables, also for School Committee for three years, Road Commissioners for three years, Also for Town Treasurer and Collector of taxes, all on one ballot.

*Voted.* That while the votes are being received for the aforesaid officers and on the Question of License, that the town proceed to the transaction of other business as set forth in the Warrant.

*Moved.* By William A. Gilbert to act on the 13<sup>th</sup> Article in the Warrant,

*Voted.* That the motion be laid upon the table.



Noted On motion of Capt. Francis D. Lincoln to act on the 5<sup>th</sup> Article in the Warrant, and that the Town accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen, as follows  
 Jury List 1891

The Selectmen propose the following names as suitable to be placed in the Jury Box for the year 1891

jurors

Orus E. Parker	Milo S. Booth	John L. Bacon
Horace E. James	John Shanley	Edmund B. Davenport
Emory Livermore	George L. Agard	Geo. B. Hitchcock
Joseph Bates	Peter W. Moore	Louis S. Brown

Brimfield, Mass: March 16<sup>th</sup> 1891

Orus F. Browning Selectmen  
 Josiah Stebbins } of  
 Orrin Hicks } Brimfield

Noted To act on the 6<sup>th</sup> Article in the warrant, and that the Town Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year, and give the notes of the town therefor.

Noted On motion of Francis D. Lincoln that the Town Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money to renew replace or pay, any existing loan or loans or any part thereof and to issue the notes of the town therefor, passed by a vote of 21. in the Aff. Nays none.

Noted To act on the 8<sup>th</sup> article, and on motion of Francis D. Lincoln.

Noted That the Dog Fund \$98.85. be appropriated for the Public Library.

Noted That the Collector of taxes be authorized to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector.

Noted That the Selectmen cause the Annual Reports to be printed same as for the past year except valuation and Tax -

Resolved To act on the Eleventh Article in the Warrant - and

Resolved To raise Fifty dollars, and that sum with the amounts due from the State for Aid be appropriated for State aid -

Resolved To act on Article 16<sup>th</sup> in the Warrant.

Moved By Oras E. Parker to pass over the article without action  
motion carried,

Resolved To raise and appropriate Fifty dollars for Decoration day,

Resolved On motion of Francis D. Lincoln that George M. Kitchener, Francis C. Cook, and Byron W. Charles be a committee with authority to expend such part or the whole of said sum as they find to be necessary for the aforesaid purpose, this year, or they may postpone action for this year upon the understanding that another year a like sum will be raised for the same purpose. where both shall be expended.

Resolved To suspend further town business for three fourths of an hour, to meet at one o'clock P. M., except that the polls are to be kept open for the reception of votes,  
Resumed business at one o'clock P. M. as per vote

Resolved To act on Art 15<sup>th</sup> in the Warrant, And that the Article be referred to a committee of three to examine and report at an adjournment of this, or at a future meeting.

And Samuel W. Brown, Henry Blodgett and John A. McKinstry were appointed by the Moderator for the aforesaid committee,

Resolved At two o'clock and 35 minutes P. M. on motion of Francis D. Lincoln, that the polls for the reception of votes for Town Officers, be closed, and it was so done.



The following officers were then chosen by nomination from the meeting viz;

For Fence Viewers voted to choose three, and Benjamin B. Fenton Messrs W. Baker and Francis E. Cook were chosen and all sworn.

For Committee, Edward W. Potter, was chosen, to serve for two years.

Voted To choose Five Surveyors of Wood and Lumber and Arthur J. Daniels, Thomas J. Morgan, J. Winslow Foshett, Morrie G. Converse and Norman J. Powers were chosen

For Library Director Rebecca M. Lincoln, was chosen Library Director for 3 years

Voted To choose three Field Drivers, and Albert G. Tarbell, Albert J. Bradway and John A. Marrell were chosen.

Voted That the Polls for reception of votes on the question of Licenses be closed and it was so done. The Register showed that 63 ballots had been received, and a count of the names checked on the list showed that 63 persons had voted.

Under Article Three in the Warrant - The Overseers of the Poor reported to the town that the Town of Palmer had commenced an action against the Town of Brimfield, on account of support of Paupers as supplicants.

Voted On motion of Francis D. Lincoln that the Overseers of the Poor be instructed to consult counsel on the case, and then take such action in the case as they deem for the interest of the town

Voted That when this meeting adjourns it be adjourned to meet in two weeks from to day at 1 o'clock P.M.

Noted On motion of Henry F. Brown that a committee of five be appointed to prepare and submit to the town such By Laws as they deem necessary for the proper transaction of the business of the town.

And the Moderator appointed for said committee. Henry F. Brown, Francis E. Cook, Samuel W. Brown, George M. Whitehead and Robert C. Savin.

Noted On motion of Henry F. Brown that a committee of three be appointed to investigate and report to the town what steps if any are necessary and proper for the town to take to secure protection from fire so far as may be.

And the Moderator appointed for this committee. Henry F. Brown, Amos Munroe and Frank B. Newton.

Moved By Albert Woodard that the town raise the sum of Seventeen hundred dollars, and that the same be appropriated for wages and board of teachers, fuel and care of school-houses.

Noted That the above motion and the whole matter of raising money for the support of schools, Text books and supplies, conveyance of pupils, and supervision of schools by the committee and Superintendent, be referred to a committee of three, to meet with the School Committee, to examine the whole matter and report recommending what should be done.

The Moderator appointed for this Committee Henry F. Brown, Rev W. E. Pierce and Thomas J. Morgan.

Noted That Art 18<sup>th</sup> in the Warrant, be referred to a committee of three to examine the Bridge named in the article, and the roads connected therewith and report to the town, with such recommendations as they deem for their intent, Committee, Samuel W. Brown, Henry Blodgett, & John A. McKindley.



Vote. Take from the table the motion made by Albert Woodard. To act on Article 13<sup>th</sup> in the warrant and it was voted to act on said Art-13<sup>th</sup>.

Vote. On motion of Albert Woodard to Revoke the vote of April 1. 1889. accepting the provisions of sections 74, 75, 76 and 77 of chapter 27 of the Public Statute in relation to Road Commissioners, by the following vote.

Affirmative 25 votes  
Negative 20 votes

Vote. To act on Article 14<sup>th</sup> in the Warrant. and that the same be referred to a committee of three to examine and report at the adjourned meeting.

The Moderator, appointed for this committee, Albert Woodard, B. van W. Charles, and Edwin A. Jones, Mr Woodard being unable to serve, Frank B. Newton was appointed in his place.

The Moderator reported to the town the result of the vote on the Question of License.

Whole number of Ballots Sixty three (63)  
and were Yes. Eleven 11  
" " No Fifty two 52 = (63)

The Moderator then made declaration of the vote for Town Officers as follows viz;

For a selectmen  
Frank B. Newton had One hundred and sixteen votes  
Moses H. Baker had Eighty votes  
Orin Hicks had Sixty votes  
David W. Jones had Thirty three votes  
Peter W. Moore had Fifty four votes  
Frank B. Newton, Moses H. Baker and Orin Hicks, were declared Elected and sworn by the Town Clerk.

For Assessors  
 Samuel W. Brown, had Sixty seven votes  
 John Shanty, had One Hundred and twenty votes  
 George W. Sherman, had Forty one votes  
 David W. James had Fifty one votes  
 H. Edgar Brown had Forty eight votes  
 Sanford Booth had Twenty nine votes  
 Samuel W. Brown,  
 John Shanty and David W. James were declared Elected.  
 Samuel W. Brown, and John Shanty were sworn by  
 the Town Clerk, and David W. James by Arthur J. Daniels  
 Justice of the Peace.

For School Committee James Red Brown, had One hundred and fifteen votes  
 for three years Louis S. Brown, had Three votes.  
 James Red Brown, was declared Elected

For Treasurer Henry H. Brown, had Fifty eight votes  
 George M. Hitchcock, had Sixty two votes and was  
 declared Elected and sworn by the Town Clerk.

For Collector of Taxes Cheney Newton, had One hundred and twenty votes and  
 was declared Elected and sworn by the Town Clerk.

For Constables Francis E. Cook, had Ninety six votes  
 Orrin Hicks, had One Hundred and seventeen votes,  
 Charles S. Tarbell, had Twenty seven votes  
 Francis E. Cook  
 and Orrin Hicks were declared Elected and  
 sworn by the Town Clerk

For Overseers of Poor Francis E. Cook, had Ninety seven votes  
 Peter W. Moore, had One Hundred and eighteen votes  
 Orus E. Parker, had One Hundred and eight votes  
 Cheney Newton, had Two votes  
 Wm. H. Shaw had one vote  
 Francis E. Cook  
 Peter W. Moore, and Orus E. Parker, were  
 declared Elected, and sworn by the Town Clerk,



For Road George S. Allen and Moses H. Baker had  
Commissioners one vote each

Byron W. Charles had Fifty five votes  
Sanford Booth had Fifty five votes  
No choice

For Auditors

Oscar F. Brown had Ninety two votes  
Charles S. Tarbell had Ninety two votes

And Oscar F. Brown and  
Charles S. Tarbell were declared Elected Auditors  
and were sworn by the Town Clerk

Noted

To adjourn. and the meeting was adjourned  
to meet on Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> 1891. At 1. o. clock P. M.

Adjourned Town Meeting April 20<sup>th</sup> 1891

Met as per adjournment called  
to order by Oscar F. Brown Moderator.

The committee to whom Art. 15<sup>th</sup> in the warrant was  
referred to examine and report. Chas Newton acting  
for Samuel W. Brown. who was unable to act. reported  
that they had attended to the duty assigned them,  
and recommended that a change be made to  
alter a sharp point near the junction of the  
West Brimfield road with the one leading past  
the houses of John C. Fane

Noted

That the Selectmen be authorised to carry out the  
recommendations of the committee,

The same committee to whom Article 18<sup>th</sup> in the  
warrant was referred. Reported.

That they had examined the  
bridge named in the article, and were of the  
opinion that by putting the bridge in its proper  
position, that would be all that is now required.  
Also, recommend that when it becomes necessary  
to rebuild this bridge, that a new road should be  
located, and so located and constructed, that the  
Blodgett and Rogers may be united in one

thereby saving the expense of supporting two bridges  
as is now done.

Noted To elect six Trustees for the Public Library in accordance  
with the provisions of Chapter 304, Act of 1888

Noted On motion of Samuel W. Brown that the Moderator  
appoint a committee of three to nominate the  
six Trustees and Samuel W. Brown, Elmer W. Barker  
and Ous E. Parker were appointed.

And

They reported nominating  
Louis S. Brown and Rebecca M. Lincoln for four years  
Rev W. H. Peire. and Belle L. Brown, for two years  
Henry J. Thoren. and Mr John H. Hoyer " One "

And their report was  
adopted by vote of the town and

Louis S. Brown and Rebecca M. Lincoln were declared  
elected Library Trustees for the term of four years

Rev W. H. Peire. and Belle L. Brown were declared  
elected Library Trustees for the term of Two years.

And

Henry J. Thoren. and Mr John H. Hoyer were declared  
elected Library Trustees for the term of One year

Noted To pay to Josiah Stibbins his bill of \$10.70 for  
care of Stibbins road the past Winter.

Noted To pay to Harry A. Lundberg his bill of \$3.50  
for labor of self & team on Stibbins road.

Moved By Henry J. Brown. that the compensation of the  
Collector of Taxes be Sixty dollars, subject to the same  
conditions and restrictions as applied to the collector  
for last year, except the amount of County tax to be  
paid to Town Treasurer, instead of County  
Treasurer as heretofore. see Page 454



Noted On motion Samuel W. Brown. to amend by striking out so much of the motion as provides for a discount on Poll taxes.

And after making several minor changes the motion was adopted as follows:

Noted On motion of Henry Thorne that the compensation of the collector of taxes be Sixty dollars subject to the following conditions and restrictions. he shall give bonds to the town for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office. he shall keep the account required by chap 110 of the act of 1889. he shall collect and pay over to the Treasurer of <sup>the town</sup> on or before the first day of September <sup>next</sup> all the Poll taxes and one half the tax on real and personal estate. and shall during the first week of every month pay to the Town Treasurer all moneys which he shall have collected, he shall make a discount of six per cent on taxes on Real and Personal estate. to those who pay their taxes in full. (including Poll tax) on or before the first day of September next, and a discount of four per cent to those who pay their taxes in full on Real and Personal estate after the first day of September next and on or before the first day of January next, for the discount so allowed. the Selectmen will draw an order upon the Collectors of the Town Treasurer, for the sum so allowed. also for the County and State tax upon the receipts of the County and State Treasurers. and upon all taxes which shall remain <sup>unpaid</sup> at the last date he shall charge and collect interest at the rate of six per centum per annum until the same are paid. and shall make a final settlement with the Town Treasurer on or before the Wednesday after the first Monday in March next. and whenever he has collected and paid over to the Town Treasurer seven eighths of the amount committed to him to collect and has kept the aforesaid account. he shall be entitled to two thirds of his compensation. and to the balance when he completes his collection. and book of account. and pays over the same to the Town Treasurer. and returns his books of accounts. and Tax collector books

Resolved That the Selectmen cause to be printed suitable blanks for the use of the Collector of Taxes.

the committee to whom the motion of Albert Woodard to raise \$1700, and that the same be appropriated for the wages and board of teachers, fuel and care of school houses.

Also the whole matter relating to schools, was referred submitted their report. Recommending the following appropriations for the same viz;

For wages and board of teachers, fuel and care of School houses	\$1400.00
For conveyance and Text books	150.00
" Services of School committee	50.00
" Salary of Superintendent	225.00
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	\$ 1825.00

Resolved On motion of Samuel W. Brown. that the report of the committee be accepted and the amount recommended be raised and appropriated for schools as reported.

Resolved That the Town way described in Article 14<sup>th</sup> of the warrant be discontinued.

On the report of Henry F. Brown, late Treasurer, in the matter of the claim of the City of Springfield for the Corporation and Bank taxes of Samuel Blair, now assigned and paid to this town, it was

Resolved That an agent be appointed with full power and authority to employ counsel and take such other measures as he finds to be needed to protect the interests of the town in the above

Henry F. Brown, was chosen as agent under the aforesaid vote

Resolved That the Selectmen be directed not to allow any claims against the town, except upon a bill or



vouchers presented showing when, where, and for what purpose the expense was incurred, with all the items necessary for a full and proper understanding of the same

Resolved That so much of the cash in the hands of the Town Treasurer as may be required therefor, be appropriated for the payment of the outstanding bills of last year, the same not to be charged against the appropriations for the current year, Also so much as may be required to complete the Stebbins road, And the balance for the payment of town debts, to be paid as soon as may be done without making it necessary to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes of the current year

### Appropriations for the Year 1891-92

For Memorial Day. (Voted April 6 <sup>th</sup> )	\$ 50 00
" State Aid " " "	50 00
" Highways " Apr 20 <sup>th</sup>	1400 00
" Bridges " " "	300 00
" Snow paths " " "	150 00
" Schools " " "	1400 00
" Conveyance and Text Books Apr 20 <sup>th</sup>	150 00
" Services of School committee " "	50 00
" Salary, School Superintendent " "	225 00
" School house repairs Voted " "	100 00
" Paupers " " "	1200 00
" Officers salaries " " "	500 00
" Town debt and interest " " "	140 00
" Discount on Taxes " " "	300 00
" Miscellaneous expenses " " "	600 00
	<u>\$6635 00</u>

Moved By Alva Thayer to pass over Article 18<sup>th</sup> in the warrant, Not carried

Moved By Samuel W. Brown, that when the new road as ordered constructed on the Petition of Josiah Stebbins, is completed and accepted by the County Commissioners, that the town way described in

Article 18<sup>th</sup> in the contract, he determined as a public way, but has left open as a private way for the use of those interested therein

Noted the motion of Henry J. Brown that the matter as embodied in the petition of Samuel H. Brown be indefinitely postponed, carried by a vote of Aff 10. Neg 9.



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The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, respectfully petition the Board of Selectmen of the town of Brimfield Mass for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following named streets and highways of said town,

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said town may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to  
Palmer road from Brimfield center to Monson line.  
Brookfield road from Brimfield center to Brimfield Pond  
Wals road from Brimfield center to Wals line.  
Highway from Kings Bridge to Warren line.

The New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts

By

Boston Mass  
125 Milk Street  
June 30<sup>th</sup> 1891

Jarper N. Heller  
General Manager

Copy

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts

You are hereby notified that you are duly authorized by vote of the <sup>Board of</sup> Selectmen of the town of Brimfield Mass to erect and maintain poles and wires thereon in the following named streets and highways in the said town of Brimfield Mass

The posts shall be of the materials of the poles now standing in said locations, or other suitable material, and shall be not less than twenty five feet in length. The wires shall be

not less than twenty feet from the ground and located substantially as now run

A copy of this permit is recorded in the records of the town of Brimfield Mass.

Henry J. Theron  
Town Clerk

Brimfield Mass. July 7<sup>th</sup> 1891

Following are the streets and highways above referred to  
Patron road from Brimfield center to Monson line.  
Brookfield road from Brimfield center to Brimfield Pond.  
Wales road from Brimfield center to Wales line.  
Highway from Kings Bridge to Warren line.

M. M. Baker } Selectmen  
Frank B. Weston }  
Olin Hicks } of  
Brimfield

Brimfield July 6<sup>th</sup> 1891

Recorded from the original  
By  
Henry J. Theron  
Town Clerk



East Brimfield March 2, 1887

We the undersigned.

Do hereby form ourselves into a Society, to be called the Union Society of East Brimfield Mass. for the purpose of holding property to be used for Religious Services, and we further agree that any property that comes into possession of the abovesaid Society shall not be disposed of unless to replace the same with new. And further agree that in case the services be discontinued that the property shall be placed in responsible storage until <sup>at</sup> such time as Services shall be continued.

Edward H. Thompson	E. F. Hanson
Arthur J. Daniels	E. E. Lifford
Horace S. Howes	William Fisher
Albert M. Bump	J. S. Hinkley
Byron W. Charles	M. F. Crawford
John H. Lumbard	Frank N. Pond
John M. Smith	Arnold Leach
Frank W. Combs	Charles Keff
J. W. Pratt	W. H. Siddall

Received September 17<sup>th</sup> 1891 at 8 o'clock  
and 50 minutes A. M. and recorded  
by

Henry J. Brown  
Treasurer



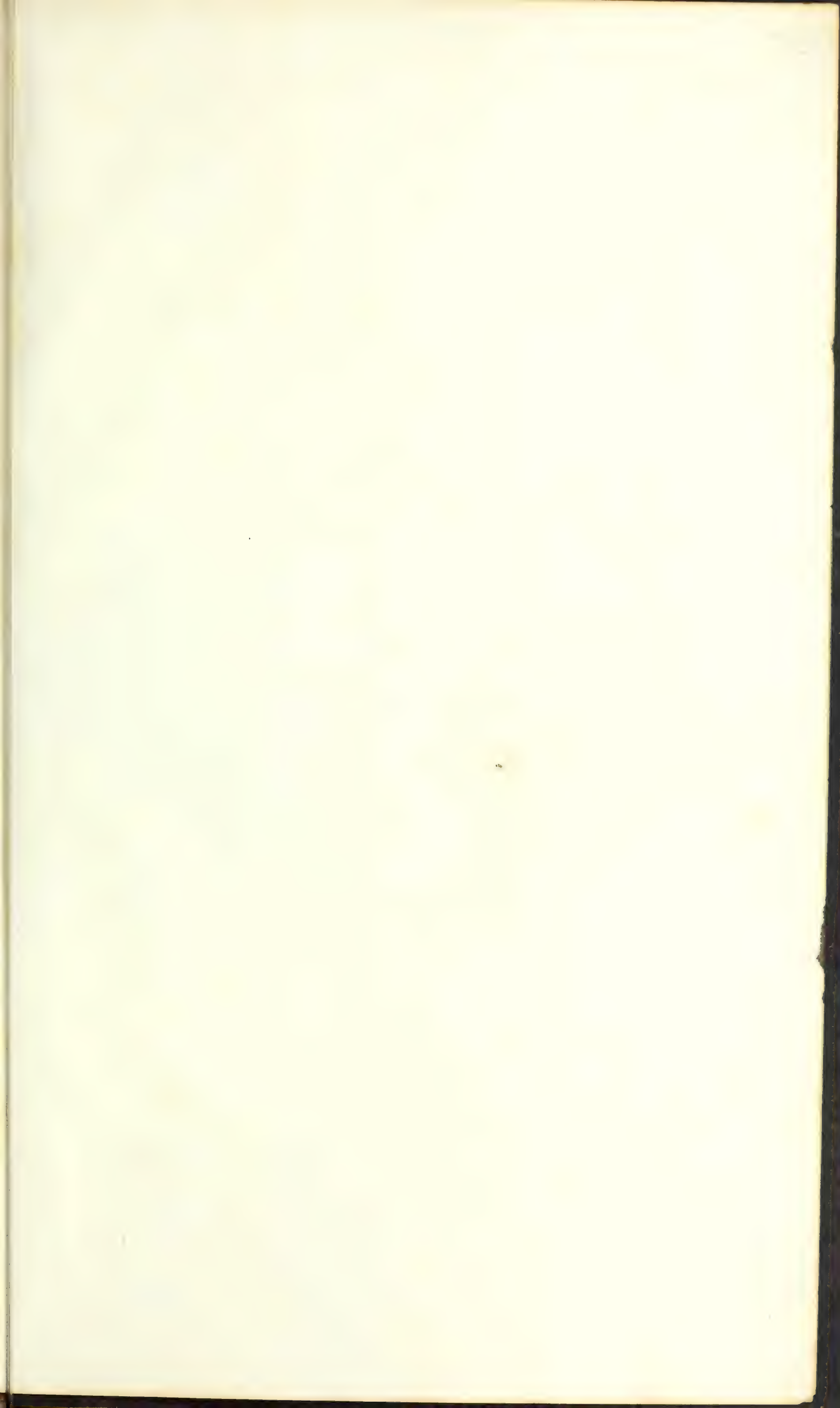




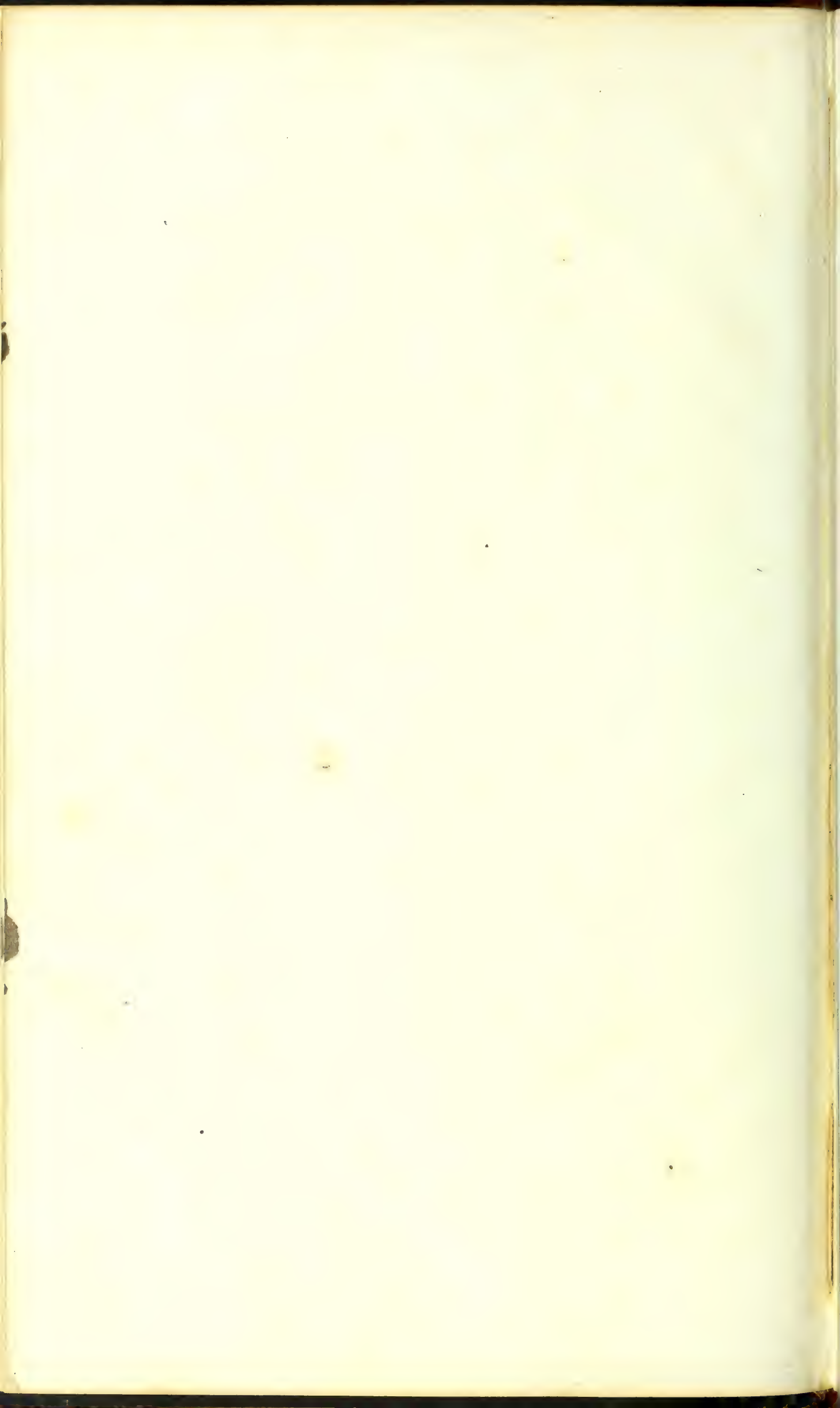












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